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Taliban releases US soldier

Only GI held prisoner in Afghanistan freed in prisoner swap

By JULIE PACE AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — The only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan has been freed from Taliban captivity in exchange for the release of five Afghan detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Obama administration officials said Saturday.

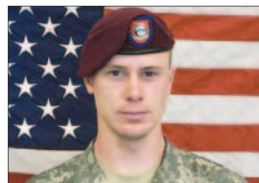
Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was handed over to U.S. special operations troops by the Taliban Saturday evening in an area of eastern Afghanistan, near the Pakistani border. Officials said the exchange was not

violent and that Bergdahl, 28, was in good condition and able to walk.

In a statement, President Barack Obama said Bergdahl's recovery "is a reminder of America's unwavering commitment to leave no man or woman in uniform behind on the battlefield."

The handover followed secret and indirect negotiations between the U.S. and the Taliban, with the government of Qatar serving as the go-between. Qatar is taking custody of the five Afghan detainees that had been held at Guantanamo Bay.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, has been freed, according to officials.



Courtesy Faisal Mohammadi Group

A fuel tanker was burned in an attack on a truck convoy bound for a coalition military base in Afghanistan.

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Does the VA need a nonmilitary leader?

By JENNIFER HLAJ
Stars and Stripes

President Barack Obama may want to look beyond the military community for someone with solid management experience to fix the Veterans Administration after retired Gen. Eric Shinseki resigned as head of the troubled department.

Shinseki, a decorated Vietnam veteran and former Army chief of staff, stepped down Friday after a preliminary investigation confirmed reports of widespread mismanagement and delays in scheduling appointments for

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veterans at VA hospitals. Obama praised Shinseki but said the VA "needs new leader-

ship" to address the mounting claims of malfeasance that allowed executives to cash in on

bonuses even as veterans with serious health issues languished on secret waiting lists.

The search for that new leadership should be "less about having someone with a military background and more about someone with a management background," said Michael Tanner, a senior fellow at the CATO Institute.

Tanner said many retired generals move from the Pentagon to the VA but "we're not talking about combat or an army. We're talking about bureaucracy."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You yellow rat! You double-crossing bastard!"

— President Warren G. Harding as he was chucking the head of the Veterans Bureau who was embroiled in scandal

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Hagel: Beijing destabilizing region

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

SINGAPORE — China is destabilizing the Asia-Pacific region through its provocative actions against neighboring countries, U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel said in a wide-ranging speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday.

Hagel also sought to reassure allies who have questioned the resolve of the Obama administration's rebalance of military and diplomatic attention to the Asia-Pacific, with guarantees that U.S. activity would increase and that U.S. defense cuts would not come out of the region.

"All nations in the region, including China, have a choice: to unite and recommit to a stable regional order, or to walk away from that commitment and risk the peace and security that has benefited millions of people around the Pacific," Hagel said.

He planned to meet later in the day with Vietnamese Defense Minister Phung Quang Thanh, whose nation is struggling with a fleet standoff in the South China Sea over a \$1 billion Chinese oil rig deployed near islands that both Vietnam and China claim.

Hagel and other U.S. officials have largely blamed China for provoking the standoff, which resulted in the recent sinking of a Vietnamese fishing boat. Vietnam claimed the ship was rammed, while China said it collided with a Chinese ship and capsized.

Lieutenant General Wang Guanzhong, the senior official among China's delegation, told Chinese media gathered at the summit that Hagel's speech was filled with "instigation, threat and intimidation."

Wang added that China and the United States should work to clear up their differences, but that Hagel's speech was not constructive.



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U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, left, listens to Lt. Gen. Wang Guanzhong, right, China's deputy chief of general staff, during a meeting Saturday in Singapore.

Perhaps as proof of the U.S. commitment to the region, Hagel told the more than 1,000 attendees that the U.S. military would increase its exercises in the region to 130 and its port visits to 700 annually. Additionally, the U.S. plans to increase foreign military financing in the region by 35 percent and military training and education by 40 percent by 2016.

"Both President Obama and I remain committed to ensure that any reductions in U.S. defense spending do not come at the expense of America's commitment to the Asia-Pacific."

The region will continue to receive some of the military's best aircraft and ships, including the new Zumwalt-class destroyer, by 2018, Hagel said.

Nevertheless, lawmakers and analysts continue to question whether the congressionally mandated budget caps known as sequestration will impact overall military readiness.

Hagel met with officials from Australia and Japan Friday to review trilateral security assistance in the region and said he would meet jointly with Japanese and South Korean officials today. The United States is considering fielding an advanced missile defense platform in South Korea and wants trilateral cooperation on missile defense, U.S. officials said.

However, Japan-South Korea relations have worsened in recent years, following tensions over the disputed island territory known to Korea as Dokdo and Japan as Takeshima. Relations further worsened after statements by Japanese government officials indicated to many South Koreans that Japan was not sufficiently remorseful for its colonization of Korea and its conduct during World War II.

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Bergdahl: Prisoner exchanged for 5 held at Guantanamo

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Bergdahl, of Hailey, Idaho, had been held by the Taliban since June 30, 2009. He is thought to have been captured by members of the Haqqani network, which operates in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region and has been one of the deadliest threats to U.S. troops in the war.

The Haqqani network, which the State Department designated as a foreign terrorist organization in 2012, claims allegiance to the Afghan Taliban, yet operates with some degree of autonomy.

Officials said Bergdahl was expected to be transferred to Bagram Air Field, the main U.S.

base in Afghanistan, for medical evaluations, then on to the United States.

Several dozen U.S. special operations forces flew into Afghanistan by helicopter and made the transfer with the approximately 16 Taliban members. The official said the commanders were on the ground for a short time, before lifting off with Bergdahl.

According to a senior defense official traveling with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in Singapore, once Bergdahl climbed onto the noisy helicopter he took a pen and wrote on a paper plate, the "SF" — asking the troops if they were special operations forces.

They shouted back at him over the roar of the rotors: "Yes, we've been looking for you for a long time."

Then, according to the official, Bergdahl broke down.

The official added that the U.S. still believes that Bergdahl was being held for the bulk of the time in Pakistan, but it was not clear when he was transported to eastern Afghanistan.

The five Afghan detainees from Guantanamo were still at the base as of Saturday morning, but were being transferred into the custody of Qatari officials. Under the conditions of their release, the detainees will be banned from

traveling outside of Qatar for at least one year.

The parents of the freed soldier, Bob and Jani Bergdahl, said in a statement that they were "joyful and relieved."

"We cannot wait to wrap our arms around our only son," they said.

The circumstances surrounding Bergdahl's capture remain something of a mystery. There has been some speculation that he willingly walked away from his unit, raising the question of whether he could be charged with being absent without leave or desertion.

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MILITARY

Danger increases for Afghan drivers

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — The already dangerous roads of Afghanistan may be getting even dicier for drivers carrying goods for coalition military forces: Afghan trucking officials say attacks on their vehicles have skyrocketed in the past year, since they were forced to switch from private security to government escorts.

Nearly 13 years after the U.S. military invaded Afghanistan and ousted the ruling Taliban — and seven months before all foreign combat troops leave the country — major city centers are generally calm. But much of the road network is still riven by regular Taliban attacks, fake checkpoints and warlords demanding tribute. Insurgents have also regularly used magnetic bombs, which they surreptitiously attach to trucks.

The ramifications go far beyond the bottom line of individual companies — the security of Afghanistan's primary road network is crucial to improving the country's struggling, aid-dependent economy as international military forces withdraw and international donor money begins to dry up.

Trucking executives put the blame squarely on the Afghan Public Protection Force, the government-run security service established in 2010 after President Hamid Karzai outlawed private armed security firms, alleging they were paying off the Taliban not to target their convoys, staging attacks to drum up business and generally operating outside the law.

Truckers and industry officials say that not only has government security failed to protect them in the year since the APFP took over convoy escort duties, but that the guards, themselves, sometimes loot their trucks after attacks.

"The APFP has completely failed in their duty," said Habib-ur-Rahman, who runs Mamak-hail Logistics Co. He said his company has had 67 trucks destroyed in the year since APFP took over his security convoy about a year ago.

A 2012 report from the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, the top U.S. government watchdog in the country, heavily criticized the APFP for being inept and overpriced.

"APFP officers and noncommissioned officers provided little benefit and were unable to perform required duties," the report said.

Both ISAF and Afghan government officials dispute the claims, saying such attacks actually have decreased during the past year, although they did not provide statistics to back up that claim.

While banditry is a threat to any



HEATH DRUZIN/Stars and Stripes

A trucker performs maintenance on his truck in Kabul.

truck in Afghanistan, insurgents have focused their efforts on attacking those believed to be carrying goods for foreign military bases. Coalition officials declined to discuss any impact the attacks may be having on the ISAF mission or costs.

"Any operational questions should be directed to the (Afghan Ministry of Interior), as the authority in charge of this security force," ISAF spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Cragg wrote in an emailed response to Stars and Stripes questions.

Enforcement of Karzai's security company ban has been uneven, though, and trucking companies say the APFP didn't take over their convoys until last spring. They have not been happy with the results: Nowadays, they say the APFP doesn't take over their convoys until last spring. They have not been happy with the results: Nowadays, they say the APFP doesn't take over their convoys until last spring.

'There is no convoy that doesn't get attacked.'

Ghafari truck driver in Afghanistan

being a truck driver has become one of the most dangerous jobs in Afghanistan, which is saying something.

"There is no convoy that doesn't get attacked," said Ghafari, 30, a trucker who pointed to facial scars where he was struck by shrapnel during one attack. "What should we do? We must work and feed our children."

Truckers are not the only ones who have noticed a deterioration of security on Afghanistan's roads. Mohammad Akbar, 38, a bus driver who has been driving the Kabul-to-Kandahar route for nine years, said attacks have increased recently and he has witnessed many on the road, which is pocked by bomb craters.

"It's a big problem — when there are fights, the journey takes many hours," he said.

Habib-ur-Rahman and several other trucking officials interviewed for this story said their complaints about poor security have gone unheeded.

"We have talked to the Afghan

security forces and foreigners, but nothing has changed," he said.

Najib Danish, a spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of the Interior, which oversees the APFP, denied the claims and said road attacks actually have decreased.

"So far, we haven't heard any specific complaints from the companies," he said. "If any company has any particular-and-specific complaints with evidence, they should share it with us and we will investigate it."

In addition to security concerns, trucking executives say that since they were made to switch from private security, they have been paying much more for less protection: The price per truck for armed security has gone from \$500 to \$1,000 per truck with private companies to about \$2,200 per truck for the APFP. That's in addition to the losses involved when trucks are destroyed, in which case companies often must swallow the costs, which can be \$100,000 for a single fuel tanker.

And because of the increased danger, trucking officials say, it's becoming harder to find drivers willing to ply some of the more dangerous routes.

"Our expenses are increasing and our income is decreasing," said Ahmad Shah, operations manager for the logistics company Faisal Mohammad Group.

The attacks are not confined to rural back roads in Taliban strongholds. One of the most dangerous routes is one of the busiest — the highway between Kabul and Kandahar, part of the so-called Ring Road that connects much of the country. Other highway routes to eastern cities such as Jalalabad, Maidan Shar and Khost also have seen numerous attacks.

Jawed Jami, Faisal Mohammad Group's chief operations officer, looks weary as he rifles off a long list of roads where his trucks have been targeted.

"We are searching for safe roads, but we can't find them," he said.

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Defense spending proposal rebuffs A-10 supporters

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WASHINGTON — Supporters of the A-10 warplane were rebuffed Friday as a House panel approved a defense spending measure that would let the Air Force retire the 1970s-era combat aircraft.

The move by the appropriations subcommittee added to uncertainty over the Air Force's plan to retire all 283 of the planes to save \$4.2 billion over five years in a time of declining military spending.

The spending measure conflicts with provisions to save the A-10 in the separate defense policy bills passed by the House and approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee. The push to save the A-10 is being led by veterans who say it saved the lives of soldiers in ground combat during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as lawmakers representing bases where the planes are stationed and pilots are trained.

"This action doesn't just fail one aircraft program, it fails the men and women on the ground who rely on the protection of its close-air support capabilities," Democrat Rep. Ron Barber said in a statement. About 83 of the planes, known as the Warthog, are stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in his Tucson, Ariz.-based district.

While differing on the A-10, the appropriations panel echoed moves in the House and Senate policy bills by adding hundreds of millions of dollars to preserve Boeing's St. Louis production line for the radar-jamming EA-18 G Growler, an electronic warfare aircraft, and to overhaul of the USS George Washington, an aircraft carrier.

The House defense appropriations would provide \$975 million for 12 radar-jamming Growlers that the Pentagon didn't request and almost \$800 million for the refueling of the George Washington.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has said the overhaul of the carrier by Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. based in Newport News, Va., may have to be called off, reducing the U.S. carrier fleet to 10 ships, if the budget-cutting process called sequestration remains in full force as planned in fiscal 2016.

The bill, approved by the defense panel behind closed doors and by voice vote with no amendments, would provide for \$491 billion in discretionary spending for various programs under the panel's jurisdiction in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. That would be \$4.1 billion more than enacted in fiscal year 2014 and \$200 million more than the president's request, according to a statement by the committee.

Former Marine sentenced to die for sailor's slaying

By MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A former Marine convicted last month of strangling a fellow servicemember at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall was formally sentenced to death Friday in federal district court in Alexandria, Va.

The result was no surprise. Jurors had already recommended that Jorge Torrez, 25, face capital punishment for the 2009 killing of Navy Petty Officer Amanda Jean Snell, 20, and U.S. District Judge Liam O'Grady was bound by law to impose the penalty. He did so after a minutes-long hearing, during which Torrez had committed "unconscious crimes" and no errors had been committed to invalidate the outcome of his trial.

Torrez confirmed with the judge that he planned to appeal the case — though he did so only after sighing deeply and asking for a moment to confer with his attorneys. He declined the judge's invitation to speak on his

own behalf.

Torrez will join six other inmates from Virginia cases on federal death row, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, which tracks death-penalty cases nationwide. Torrez's execution, though, is far from imminent. The post-sentence legal process generally takes years, and according to the center, no federal inmate from Virginia has been put to death since 1927, which is as far back as the group's database tracks.

Prosecutors said Torrez, who lived dozens away from Snell at the military base in Arlington County, crept into the woman's room as she slept and strangled her with a laptop cord. Her body was found stuffed into a locker.

At his April trial, prosecutors said Torrez was a predator who browsed Internet sites about rape fantasies. Snell, they said, appeared to be victimized at random.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Trump told jurors that Torrez "deserves to die."

VA SCANDAL

How VA built culture of hiding long wait times

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOID

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — About two years ago, Brian Turner took a job as a scheduling clerk at a Veterans Affairs health clinic in Austin, Texas. A few weeks later, he said, a supervisor came by to instruct him how to cook the books. “The first time I heard it was actually at my desk. They said, ‘You gotta zero out the date. The wait time has to be zeroed out,’” Turner recalled in a phone interview. He said “zeroing out” was a trick to fool the VA’s own accountability system, which the bosses in Washington used to monitor how long patients waited to see the doctor.

This is how it worked: A patient asked for an appointment on a specific day. Turner found the next available time slot. But often it was many days later than the patient had wanted.

Would that later date work? If the patient said yes, Turner canceled the whole process and started over. This time, he typed in that the patient had wanted that later date all along. So now, the official wait time was ... a perfect zero days.

It was a lie, of course. But it seemed to be a very important lie, one that the system depended on. “Two to three times a month, you would hear something about it,” Turner said — another reminder of how supervisors “zero out.” “It wasn’t a secret at all.”

But all this was apparently a secret to Secretary Eric Shinseki, perched 12 levels above Turner in the VA’s towering bureaucracy. Somewhere underneath Shinseki — among the undersecretaries and deputy undersecretaries and bosses and sub-bosses — the fact that clerks were cheating the system was lost.

On Friday, Shinseki resigned and was replaced by his deputy.

But his departure is unlikely to solve the VA’s broader problem — a bureaucracy that had been taught, over time, to hide its problems from Washington. Indeed, as President Barack Obama said, one of the agency’s key failings was that bad news did not reach Shinseki’s level at all.

This is an ironic development: Until recently, the VA had been seen as a Washington success story. In the 1990s, reformers hunkered back on its middle management and started using performance data so managers at the top could keep abreast of problems at the bottom.

Then that success began to unravel.

As the VA’s caseload increased during two wars, the agency grew thick around the middle again. And then, when the people at the bottom started sending in fiction, the people at the top took it as fact.

“Shinseki goes up to Capitol Hill, and says, ‘I didn’t know anything,’ I find it perfectly believable,” said Paul Light, a professor at New York University who has studied the bureaucracy of the

VA and a real in Washington.

“And that’s a problem.”

For decades, the VA was a byword for bureaucracy, itself, seen as Washington’s ultimate paper-pushing, mind-bending hierarchy. That reputation was rooted in the VA’s history. It came about because the agency’s first leader was an audacious crook.

Charles Forbes was chosen to head the Veterans Bureau by his poker buddy, President Warren Harding, in 1921. He was a poor choice. Forbes took kickbacks. He sold off federal supplies. He wildly misspent taxpayer money — once buying a 100-year supply of floor wax, enough to polish a floor the size of Indiana, for 25 times the regular price (apparently as a favor to a floor wax company).

Eventually, Forbes was caught. The president was unhappy. In 1923, a White House visitor opened the wrong door and found Harding choking Forbes with his bare hands.

“You yellow rat! You double-crossing bastard!” Harding was saying, according to historians. When he noticed the visitor, he let go of Forbes’ neck.

Forbes eventually was convicted of bribery and conspiracy. But afterward, the VA’s next leaders built in layers of bureaucracy and paperwork — to be sure that nobody would ever have the same freedom to steal.

Seventy years after Forbes was gone, the place was still wrapped in that red tape.

That was clear on the day that Kenneth Kizer — a reformer appointed by President Bill Clinton — arrived at the VA’s health service.

“I had to approve reimbursement of a secretary ... purchasing a cable for her computer. I think it was something like \$1 or \$12,” Kizer said. There was a form. He had to sign it personally. “Here I’m running this multibillion-dollar organization with — at that time — 200,000 employees. And I’m having to approve reimbursements for somebody!”

Kizer set out to change that. He cut back on staffing at VA headquarters in Washington and at regional headquarters. He cut out layers in the chain of command. And he embraced the idea that statistics could allow the agency’s leaders to peer around those middlemen and see the bottom from the top.

If patients at a certain hospital were waiting too long for appointments, they wouldn’t have to wait for the news to travel from a scheduling clerk to a supervisor, from the supervisor to a chief, from the chief to the hospital director, from the hospital director to the region, and from the region to Washington.

Instead, Washington could just watch the numbers and see for itself.

In theory.

Today, 15 years after he left the VA, Kizer said he’s frustrated to see that one of his solutions — that numbers-based system — become the problem itself. Instead



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Charles Forbes was chosen to head the Veterans Bureau, which predated the Veterans Affairs department, in 1921. He took kickbacks, sold off federal supplies and wildly mispent taxpayer money and eventually was convicted of bribery and conspiracy.

of alerting the bosses to problems in the field, it has been perverted to cover them up.

“The measures have become the end,” Kizer said in a phone interview from California, “As opposed to a means to an end.”

You're either cured or you're dead

Today, even after a massive influx of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans that increased the number of VA patients by nearly 2 million, the VA health system still does many things well. The satisfaction rate for patients who have been treated by the VA is over 80 percent.

But in many places, veterans were waiting too long to get the care they need.

“When you actually get in the room with a doctor, it’s OK. But it’s what it takes to get to that point that I think is the problem,” said Stewart Hickey, national executive director of the veterans’ service group AMVETS. “You’re sick today. Three weeks from now, you’re either cured or you’re dead.”

This is how the system was failing: As the VA’s patient load grew, new layers of middle management slowly reappeared. And all the way at the bottom of the VA’s 12-level chain of command were the schedulers — the ones who had to match veterans with doctors.

There were too many veterans. There were too few doctors.

So what should they do?

One choice was to tell the truth — tell the computer how long veterans were waiting for appointments. That was what Shinseki said he wanted, 12 levels up and miles away in Washington.

But according to people with experience in scheduling, it was often the opposite of what lower-level bureaucrats wanted. In some cases, local officials’ bonuses depended on the numbers looking good. So at some point years ago, they began asking clerks to change the numbers — with practices like “zeroing it out.” Cheating was made easier by the VA’s ancient computer systems, designed decades ago.

For many clerks, the choice between the bureaucrats they knew and the secretary they didn’t was obvious.

“They would say, ‘Change the “desired date” to the date of the appointment,’” said one employee knowledgeable about scheduling practices at a VA medical center. The employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, decided to go along with those requests. Fighting the order to lie wasn’t worth it.

“You know, in the end, the veteran got the appointment that was available anyway,” the employee said. “It didn’t affect the veteran’s care.”

No ‘feedback loop’

Way back in 2005, federal auditors found evidence that clerks were not entering the numbers

correctly. By 2010, the problem seemed to be widespread, the VA health service sent out a memo listing 17 different “work-arounds,” including the one that Turner was taught in Texas. Stop it, the VA said.

They didn’t. By 2012, in fact, one VA official told Congress he wasn’t sure how to force people to send in the real numbers.

“Because of the fact that the gaming is so prevalent, as soon as something is put out, it is torn apart to look to see what the work-around is,” said William Schoenhard, who was then the deputy undersecretary for health for operations and management, an upper-mid-level official that VA employees call the “dushom.” “There’s no feedback loop.”

That was the key. There was no feedback loop. The system that had been set up to let the top of the VA’s bureaucracy watch the bottom was no longer working. It was sending back science fiction, and the VA’s top brass seemed either ignorant of the deceptions or powerless to stop them.

This week, federal auditors provided stark evidence of the problem that VA’s leaders had missed. The auditors had studied 226 veterans who got appointments at the VA medical center in Phoenix. The official data showed they waited an average of 24 days for appointments. In reality, the average wait was 115 days.

Afterward, Shinseki called that finding “unacceptable.”

But to the doctor who used to run the VA’s Phoenix emergency room, the findings were no surprise. Katherine Mitchell said that the ER was often overburdened by patients with nonurgent problems, who simply couldn’t get appointments with their regular doctors.

Mitchell said she’s been shifted to another job at the VA after complaining about inadequate staffing and other problems with care in Phoenix. She said Shinseki’s long experience in the Army had not prepared him well for the VA.

“In the military, if you say, ‘Do something,’ it’s done,” said Mitchell, who has spent 16 years at the VA. “I suspect that he wasn’t aware that in VA, it’s not like that. If you say, ‘Do something,’ it’s covered up. It’s fixed by covering it up.”

Now VA’s leaders have been faced with a startling failure. The bureaucracy below them wasn’t telling them the truth about wait times. The numbers system they set up to go around the bureaucracy wasn’t, either.

The only answer, now, has been to send people out to VA clinics to talk to schedulers, face to face. Before the auditors went out, they were warned they might hear evidence that clerks had been cheating the system.

“If this occurs, remain calm,” the VA counseled auditors in a memo. It suggested follow-up questions. “Have you brought this to anyone’s attention? If needed, follow up with: What has been the response?”

VA SCANDAL

Who will be VA's next leader?

By PATRICK DICKSON ■ Stars and Stripes

Even before Eric Shinseki's resignation as secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the whisper campaigns had begun: Who would be his successor? Here are some names that have been floated.



Bob Gates

The former defense secretary would seem like a great fit since he ran the biggest Cabinet department during two administrations. But Gates may have burned his bridges in his memoir "Duty," in which he skewered Congress as an "incompetent" and "egotistical" institution.

"Uncivil, incompetent in fulfilling basic constitutional responsibilities (such as timely appropriations), micromanagerial, parochial, hypocritical, egotistical, thin-skinned, often putting self (and reelection) before country — this was my view of the majority of the United States Congress," he wrote.

On President Barack Obama's leadership and his commitment to the Afghanistan War, Gates wrote that by early 2010 he had concluded the president "doesn't believe in his own strategy, and doesn't consider the war to be his. For him, it's all about getting out."

Gates isn't thrilled about working in D.C., either. "Why was I so often angry? Why did I so dislike being back in government and in Washington?"



James Mattis

The retired Marine general would be professional, but there's no telling what he might say.

Mattis retired last year after 41 years in the Marine Corps. He has an impeccable resume: He led Marines in Afghanistan and in Iraq, taking the helm at U.S. Central Command from 2010 to 2013. To say that he would have the immediate respect of veterans would be an understatement.

But he says what he wants to say, like this, from 2005:

"You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil. You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them."

Such frankness is not exactly prized in Washington, and however refreshing that might be to the rank and file, it would not go over well inside the Beltway.

"I like brawling," he said at the same 2005 speech. Given the new powers being discussed in Congress that would free the incoming secretary from bureaucratic restraints when firing executives, Mattis sure would get people's attention.



Stanley McChrystal

Another former four-star general, McChrystal was a special operator who rose to command all Western forces in Afghanistan.

But how is a Type-A guy who is used to surrounding himself with other Type-A people going to cope with a bureaucracy, especially one as arthritic as the VA?

McChrystal also had his run-ins with the White House. He and his staff were profiled in Rolling Stone magazine in 2010. The story, in which McChrystal's aides openly criticized Vice President Joe Biden and other top administration officials, led to his resignation from his post in Afghanistan.

That article was written by the late Michael Hastings, who also wrote "The Operators," a military drama said to take a "peel-back-the-curtain" look at U.S. operations in Afghanistan.

He would then of course be the first VA secretary to be portrayed on film by Brad Pitt in an upcoming movie based on that book.



Jim Webb

James Henry "Jim" Webb Jr. is a Naval Academy graduate and a former secretary of the Navy. He was a Marine Corps infantry officer until 1972 and is a highly decorated Vietnam War combat veteran. He is a graduate of Georgetown Law School. From 1977 to 1981, Webb worked on the staff of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. During this time, he also represented veterans free of charge.

He is also a former U.S. senator from Virginia, whose first legislative act was to introduce a bill, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, to expand benefits for military families. Credentials established.

He is not afraid to brawl — in 2004, Webb wrote an op-ed piece for USA Today in which he, as a veteran, evaluated the candidacies of John Kerry and George W. Bush. He criticized Kerry for his opposition to the Vietnam War, and accused Bush of using his father's connections to avoid service in Vietnam. Webb also wrote that Bush had "committed the greatest strategic blunder in modern memory" with the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

He is rumored to be mulling a presidential run in 2016. One must wonder whether someone considering the highest office in the land would be able to devote enough attention to fix the VA's many problems.



Raymond Odierno

Gen. Ray Odierno is the current U.S. Army chief of staff. He is a West Point grad who has commanded soldiers around the globe, including in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He's also a guy who understands war wounds and disabilities. His son Tony is a combat veteran who reached the rank of captain before leaving the Army after losing his left arm in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq.

Odierno also has gone toe-to-toe with Congress. Odierno and Army Secretary John McHugh were defending the service's 2014 budget proposal at an April hearing when Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., and a major in the Marine Corps Reserve, questioned them about the service's Distributed Common Ground System. The testy exchange went viral on YouTube, with each accusing the other of not letting him speak.

Would Odierno take off his uniform and put on a suit to take care of America's veteran community? He has spoken passionately about post-traumatic stress, about sexual assault and about suicide. Could be.



Tammy Duckworth

A service-disabled female veteran who's a Democrat? Longer shots have existed.

Duckworth lost her right leg near the hip and her left leg below the knee in 2004 when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter she was co-piloting was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents.

She helped establish the Intrepid Foundation and is involved in its fund-raising to build a rehabilitation center for other injured veterans.

The Senate confirmed her as assistant secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs in April 2009, a position she held until June 2011 when she resigned to run successfully for the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois' 8th Congressional District.

She is another potential successor who can brawl. In another YouTube hit, this one from 2013, she tore into a federal contractor who was claiming disabled status because he twisted his ankle playing football for a military prep school 40 years before. He didn't come out well in the exchange.

In the IG report

Last week, the inspector general at the Department of Veterans Affairs confirmed wrongdoing that hastened Secretary Eric Shinseki's resignation Friday. Here is a rundown so far of what the IG found:

- In Phoenix, 1,700 veterans waiting for primary care were actually never added to an official wait list.
- The Arizona VA reported a sample group of 226 vets waited an average of 24 days for primary care, but the IG found the patients actually waited an average of nearly four months.
- Multiple types of records manipulation were used in Phoenix to reduce the appearance of long waits.
- The VA Eastern Area Fiduciary Hub in Indianapolis, which manages

benefits for mentally disabled vets deemed incompetent and their surviving families, did not review 190 of 214 allegations that staff misused funds. Of the 24 remaining, 17 investigations were dropped before being completed.

■ Up to \$944,000 in mentally incompetent beneficiary funds were misused by the fiduciary hub, which provides service to 41,500 veterans and their families.

■ The fiduciary program also failed to deliver 3,200 pieces of veteran mail — some of it time-critical benefit information — with delays ranging from 11 to 486 workdays. The average mail delay was 30 work days.

— Travis Tritten

VA: Business skills desirable

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Tanner said veterans can identify with other veterans, but "they're not dealing with the veterans, ultimately."

"They're dealing with a lot of people who aren't impressed by how many stars the guy wore," he said, adding that a better candidate might be someone with solid business credentials, "ideally someone who's helped turn around a company."

Shinseki himself alluded to the problem just before his resignation was announced. In a speech to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Shinseki said he had initially thought the delays in scheduling appointments for veterans were isolated cases.

Now, he thinks such delays are systemic and that he was misled by other managers within the VA system.

"I can't explain the lack of integrity among some of the leaders of our health care facilities," he said. "This is something I rarely encountered during 38 years in uniform."

Phillip Carter, a former Army officer and current director of the military, veterans and society program at the Center for a New American Security, said Obama should "cast a wide net" as he searches for someone capable of repairing the damage.

"The next VA secretary should be familiar with the culture of the VA, but that does not mean that he or she needs to be a veteran, let alone a retired general or admiral," Carter said.

With a department employing more than 312,000 people and a budget of more than \$150 billion, any VA secretary must be "very politically astute... capable of balancing competing interests and priorities," Carter said.

John Raughter, spokesman for

the American Legion, said the key is to find a reformer, "someone who will make monumental changes to the structure of how the VA is operating now, someone who will hold the administrators accountable if they abuse their customers."

He also said the new secretary must change the "culture of fear" that seems to have kept many employees from reporting problems.

"It's going to take a reform-minded individual," Raughter said.

In a written statement, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America urged Obama

to choose a new secretary who would make "bold changes and work quickly and aggressively to change the

relieved VA doctor VA system." The organization also called on the president to look for a veteran of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Dr. Sam Foote, a retired VA doctor who helped expose scheduling abuses in the Phoenix VA, said someone with considerable administrative experience would be ideal, though a top-level hospital administrator would likely have to accept a significant pay cut to take the job.

Ex-military commanders would face culture shock, Foote said. They are accustomed to working with trained subordinates who follow orders — habits less widespread in the VA culture, Foote said.

"A superman would be good, if he's available," Foote said.

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Shinseki's exit is outside Obama's playbook

By JIM KUHNEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This was not in the Barack Obama playbook.

The resignation under fire of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki on Friday did not follow the usual arc of a crisis in the Obama administration. Time and again in the face

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of eruptions, the president has preferred to not get sucked into the drama, to not cede in the heat of the moment, but to send in fixers and have the bloodletting occur in due course.

Instead, Shinseki tendered his resignation at the height of a political clamor for his departure and as revelations of systemic delays in veterans' patient care mounted by the day. Shinseki left even before the review Obama had ordered of the VA problems was completed.

For Obama, there was little

doubt that his decision to let Shinseki go was painful. As he spoke Friday morning in the White House briefing room, he appeared somber, even grief-struck.

"He is a very good man," Obama said of the former four-star Army general and Vietnam veteran. "I don't just mean he's an accomplished man. I don't just mean that he's been an outstanding soldier. He's a good person who's done exemplary work on our behalf."

But in this crisis, it became clear to the White House that the solution to the problems identified in news accounts and in a damning report last week from the VA's inspector general were endemic, deep-seated and would take a long time to turn around, let alone correct.

And that's what set it apart from another high-profile calamity — the spectacularly bad launch of healthcare.gov. Kathleen Sebelius stayed on as head of the Department of Health and Human Ser-

vices until April, seven months after that fumbling start. But that was a website problem caused by poorly designed technology. It was fixable in the short-term and in the end sign-ups exceeded projections.

The results of a VA fix will not become apparent so dramatically. From that perspective, Shinseki's departure demonstrated action.

"We occupy not just an environment that calls for management fixes, we've also got to deal with Congress and you guys," Obama told reporters Friday. "And I think Ric's (Shinseki's) judgment [was] that he could not carry out the next stages of reform without being a

distraction himself. And so my assessment was, unfortunately, that he was right."

On Wednesday, White House chief of staff Denis McDonough notified Obama of the scathing inspector general's report as Obama flew back on Air Force One from West Point, where he had just delivered a foreign policy-themed commencement address.

The VA inspector general's report and a preliminary review by Shinseki himself depicted the problems as widespread. The inspector general's report offered another troubling observation: Such issues dated back nearly a decade, before Obama's presidency.

That's hardly a comfort for Obama and his beleaguered White House. Obama sat on the Senate's Veterans Affairs Committee that reviewed those inspector general studies. He ran for president in 2008 with a promise to improve the delivery of benefits for veter-

ans. His wife has made helping veterans and their families a priority. Obama recently called the care of veterans "one of the causes of my presidency."

What's more, as Obama brings more than a decade of wars to an end, he has made a point of telling returning soldiers that they deserve the care and benefits of a grateful nation. Those returning troops, many with physical or mental wounds, have put additional strains on the VA's health care system.

The crisis draws attention to another Obama priority — health care. It raises further doubts about the government's ability to deliver on the president's principal legislative achievement.

Shinseki's exit hardly resolves those lingering problems. But it does let the White House, for the moment, turn a page, manage a crisis and quiet an election-year din.

Veterans describe experiences at VA

The Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs became an explosive political story last week, culminating with the resignation of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki.

The Associated Press reached out to veterans in Arizona and several other states to recount their experiences with VA medical care. Some described delays and oversights. Others said they were pleased with their care.

The ongoing investigations are currently focused on scheduling delays in care and allegations that VA managers instructed employees to falsify records. But independent reports dating back a decade have found that while access is a problem, VA care has consistently been equal to or better than that in the private sector.

Here is what some veterans had to say:

Justin Grimes

Veteran Justin Grimes has had nightmares almost daily since 2006 after he returned from fighting in Iraq. The retired sergeant from Nashville, Tenn., who served in both the Army and Marine Corps, said he has spent two years wading through paperwork and red tape and still has not been able to make an appointment online to see a psychologist or sleep specialist with the VA.

Grimes, who said he does not know if he has missed a step in the process, has been unable to take time from work to go into a VA hospital and spend the day waiting to see someone in person about getting an appointment.

"It's very frustrating, and with everything going on in the VA, I don't have much faith in them right now," he said.

His father paid for a private

psychologist. But Grimes said he didn't see immediate results and could not afford to keep going.

Grimes, 33, said he had to quit his accounting job because of exhaustion and frustration. He recently moved from Nashville to Valley Center, Calif., north of San Diego, where he works as a manager at Archi's Acres, an organic farm and training center for veterans. He said the physical exertion of running the farm helps ease his anxiety, but he still suffers from insomnia and hopes to get help from eye-movement therapies and other procedures.

"I'm sure if I was bleeding out, the ER would see me right away. But it's frustrating to try to get care for other things, and it's hard to get care for mental health," Grimes said.

Joseph Shaffer

When Joseph Shaffer was transferred to the VA's Denver hospital after 28 days at a private facility following a major stroke in 2012, his wife, Valerie, was worried.

"You hear a lot of people complain" about VA care, Valerie Shaffer said. "But for the most part, I couldn't be happier."

The nurses and doctors were caring and attentive during the three months Shaffer spent hospitalized. "They took super care of him in the ICU," she said.

Before he was released, nurses visited their house to make sure they had equipment to make the home accessible for Joseph's more limited mobility.

Joseph Shaffer, 60, a Vietnam veteran, still can't speak. But his wife said his return visits to the VA for therapy and checkups are full of warmth.

"He's such a flirt. He needs 10



Iraq veteran Justin Grimes, 33, carries a bucket while working Friday at Archie's Acres, an organic farm for veterans in Valley Center, Calif.

hugs before he gets out of there," she said.

Valerie Shaffer is the office manager at the Colorado state office of Veterans of Foreign Wars and said that veterans she refers to the VA's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder program are universally happy with it. However, she said it can be difficult to get a new appointment at the VA. She and her husband are growing tired of being directed to the emergency room to deal with new problems that arise.

Patrick Browne

Army veteran Patrick Browne is unhappy with both the medical care and the customer service he has received from the Denver VA.

He's had two surgeries on his foot and may need a third. He thinks VA doctors might have misdiagnosed his problem, initially thought to be a tendon issue but now believed to be a broken bone.

Before one surgery, a doctor seemed put out that Browne



Army veteran Patrick Browne, who served in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2003, stands for a portrait in downtown Denver.

wanted to know so much about a "You're still asking questions?" he said the doctor asked him.

"Yeah, you're about to operate on my foot," Browne said he replied.

Browne served in the Army from 2001 to 2005 and is now interim director of veteran student

services at the University of Colorado, Denver.

He's been waiting nearly six months to hear if the VA hospital can set up physical therapy with an outside provider because the only hours the VA facility has available would cause him to miss work, Browne said.

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Officials: Bomber in Syria from Fla.

By AMY SHERMAN, CHARLES RABIN
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The Miami Herald

MIAMI — The young American suicide bomber who blew up a truck he was driving in Syria last weekend previously lived in Fort Pierce, Fla., law enforcement sources told the Miami Herald on Friday.

The man, in his 20s and believed to have been the first American suicide bomber in Syria, has been identified only by his nom de guerre, Abu Hurayra al-Ameriki, or Abu Hurayra the American. It's unclear when he traveled to Syria or for how long before that he was in Fort Pierce, which is about 130 miles north of Miami.

Law enforcement officials were speaking Friday with the man's family and friends — some of them elsewhere in Florida — and tracing his movements, including his online activity, in the U.S. before he left for Syria. Federal authorities are investigating whether he was recruited or radicalized online.

In photos purportedly showing Abu Hurayra in Syria, he appears smiling, with a reddish-brown beard. In one photo, he is holding a cat.

He was confirmed to have taken part in a joint suicide bombing on Sunday involving both al-Qaida's Syrian franchise, the Nusra Front, and the Islamic Front's Suqour al-Sham, according to Suqour spokesman Abu Farouk al-Shami, who spoke with McClatchy via Skype.

"It was an operation between mujahideen from both Suqour al-Sham and the Nusra Front," Abu Farouk said of the blast, which targeted a Syrian military position in Idlib province and included at least three bombers and tons of explosives. "Abu Hurayra was well-known to us in Suqour al-Sham for his kindness and bravery in combat."

Abu Farouk said he never knew the American's real name, explaining that foreign members of Syrian rebel groups are instructed to adopt a nickname, or kunya, in Arabic and to never reveal their actual name for security reasons. The original Abu Hurayra was a companion of the Prophet Muhammad, considered one of the most important figures in early Islamic history.

Their families could be targeted by police or the CIA for coming to Syria," he explained. "He would never share his name or show his passport, but we knew him to be American."

In a martyrdom video released on YouTube, titled "The American Martyrdom for the Nusra Front," the suicide bomber could be seen praying, playing with cats and preparing for his apparent mission. The video ends with a tremendous explosion that is said to have been from the bomb he detonated. Abu Farouk said the tape was authentic but that it could not be independently verified.

The Nusra Front rarely grants interviews to Western media, and spokespeople were unavailable for comment.



Denee Mallon, center, joins a candlelight vigil on Thursday organized by the LGBT group Albuquerque Pride in Albuquerque, N.M.

Medicare exclusion on sex reassignment surgery lifted

By LISA LEFF
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Medicare can no longer automatically deny coverage requests for sex reassignment surgeries, a federal board ruled Friday in a groundbreaking decision that recognizes the procedures are medically necessary for some people who don't identify with their biological sex.

Ruling in favor of a transgender Army veteran whose request to have Medicare pay for her genital reconstruction was denied two years ago, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services review board said there was no justification for a three-decade-old agency rule excluding such surgeries from treatments covered by the national health program for the elderly and disabled.

"Sometimes I am asked aren't I too old to have surgery. My answer is how old is too old?" the veteran, Denee Mallon, 74, of Albuquerque, N.M., said in an email interview before the board issued its decision. "When people ask if I am too old, it feels like they are implying that it's a 'waste of money' to operate at my age. But I could have an active life ahead of me for another 20 years. And I want to spend those years in congruence and not distress."

Jennifer Levi, a lawyer who directs the Transgender Rights Project of Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, said the ruling does not mean Medicare recipients are necessarily entitled to have sex reassignment surgery paid for by the government.

Instead, the lifting of the coverage ban means they now will be able to seek authorization by submitting documentation from a doctor and mental health professionals stating that surgery is recommended in their individual case, Levi said.

No statistics exist on how many people might be affected by the decision. Gary Gates, a demographer with The Williams Institute, a think tank on LGBT issues based at the University of California, Los

Angeles, has estimated that people who self-identify as transgender make up 0.3 percent of the U.S. adult population. Over 49 million Americans are enrolled in Medicare.

The cost of gender reassignment surgery varies, but typically ranges from \$7,000 to \$50,000, according to the Transgender Law Center in Oakland, Calif.

In Friday's ruling, the appeals board said that HHS

lacked sufficient evidence in 1981 when it made a "national coverage determination," or NCD, holding that Medicare recipients were ineligible for what it then called "transsexual surgery" because the procedure was too controversial, experimental and medically risky.

The panel went on to say that regardless of what the record showed then, studies and experts have since shown the efficacy of surgical interventions as a treatment for gender dysphoria, the diagnosis given to people who experience extreme distress due to the disconnect between their birth sex and their gender identity.

"We have no difficulty concluding that the new evidence ... demonstrates that transsexual surgery is safe and effective and not experimental," Health and Human Services review board

record showed then, studies and experts have since shown the efficacy of surgical interventions as a treatment for gender dysphoria, the diagnosis given to people who experience extreme distress due to the disconnect between their birth sex and their gender identity.

"We have no difficulty concluding that the new evidence, which includes medical studies published in the more than 32 years since issuance of the 1981 report underlying the NCD, outweighs the NCD record and demonstrates that transsexual surgery is safe and effective and not experimental. Thus, as we discuss below, the grounds for the ... exclusion of coverage are not reasonable," the civilian panel said.

After primary loss, tea party rallies behind Ga. lawmaker

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — When Rep. Jack Kingston and former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Perdue advanced to a Republican runoff in Georgia's Senate race, the tea party was left without a favored candidate.

Yet the state's sizeable tea party crowd isn't staying on the sidelines. Tea partiers now appear to be rallying behind Kingston, an 11-term congressman from Savannah who has the backing of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a history of supporting federal projects in his district. It's the pragmatic side of the tea party and says as much about the movement as it does about Kingston, whose voting record has been very conservative in recent years.

"We're more concerned with people's attitudes since the rise of the tea party," said Sal Russo, chief strategist of the Tea Party Express, one of the largest tea party groups in the country. His group has yet to endorse in the July 22 Georgia runoff.

The Georgia race is one of at least two instances in which the national business group and the tea party are finding common ground. The chamber and Russo's group also have backed Republican Rep. Steve Daines in his bid for a Senate seat in Montana, a key pickup opportunity for the GOP.

Nationally, Republicans are pushing for a net gain of six seats to claim a majority in the Senate and can't afford to lose the Georgia seat. Democrats have rallied behind Michelle Nunn, daughter of former Sen. Sam Nunn, and see her as one of their best chances to thwart GOP ambitions.

While the tea party isn't as unified that well in early primaries this year, those were largely upshot races against well-funded Republican incumbents.

The Georgia race was a free-for-all and pitted three congressmen against Perdue and former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel. Handel and Rep. Paul Brown, of Athens, drew the most tea party support, with Handel carrying the endorsement of tea party favorite Sarah Palin and the Tea Party Express. Handel finished a close third, while Brown trailed in fifth.

In recent years, Kingston has moved steadily to the right with votes against raising the debt ceiling and a bipartisan budget bill. While campaigning, he points to a record of cutting spending as a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Perdue's outsider message, of running against Washington and career politicians, would seem an easier sell with tea party activists. But the lawmaker is willing to take on the establishment. But some of the first-time candidate's comments during the campaign may have set off alarms, and he faced sustained criticism as the front-runner in the final weeks before the primary. He won with 31 percent of the vote to Kingston's 26 percent.

In one instance, Perdue argued he didn't mean raising taxes when he said both spending cuts and increased revenue would be needed to deal with the nation's debt. Perdue said he was talking about efforts to grow the economy, but his original warning prompted the conservative group FreedomWorks for America to declare: "Elect a Conservative, Not Perdue."

Handel on Wednesday backed Kingston and urged her nearly 133,000 supporters in the primary to do the same. One of Handel's chief supporters, Julianne Thompson with the Atlanta Tea Party, also endorsed Kingston.

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Obama makes health pitch for carbon rules

By JOSH LEDERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As governors, businesses and environmentalists brace for new limits on power plant pollution, President Barack Obama is casting his unprecedented effort to curb greenhouse gases as essential to protect the health and wellbeing of children.

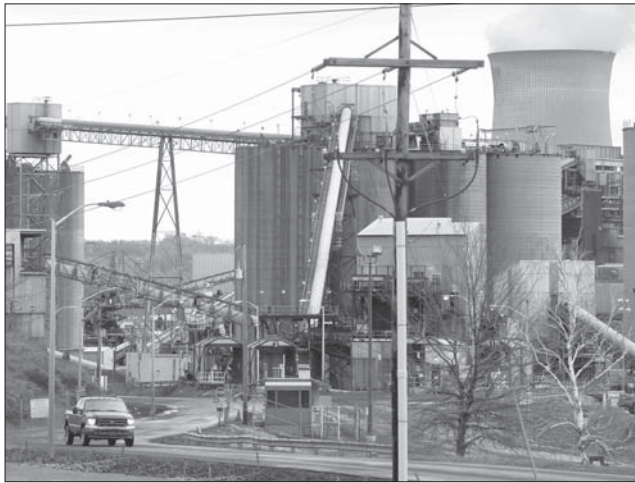
"I refuse to condemn our children to a planet that's beyond fixing," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address released Saturday. His administration is bringing forward the first carbon pollution limits on existing U.S. power plants on Monday, the centerpiece of his campaign against climate change. Critics say the plan will drive up costs, kill jobs and damage a fragile economy.

Traditionally, the president records his weekly address at the White House. But Obama put the usual playbook aside on Friday and traveled to Children's National Medical Center, where medical equipment and white lab coats formed the backdrop for Obama to argue that by targeting carbon dioxide, his administration is shifting the U.S. away from dirty fuels that dump harmful pollutants into the air. He also met young asthma patients there, the White House said.

"In America, we have the right to choose between the health of our economy and the health of our children," he said.

White House officials have been fanning out across Washington and the country to build support and reassure those concerned about the coming rules. Among those worried is a number of Democrats from conservative areas who have openly criticized the rules as they prepare for difficult re-election fights this fall. Obama will echo his argument that the rules will benefit public health during a conference call Monday organized by the American Lung Association and other health groups.

The specifics of the plan have been closely guarded and en-



KEITH SHAROCIC/AP

A truck drives past the Homer City Generating Station in Homer City, Pa., on May 5. The Obama administration is poised to unveil first-ever rules limiting greenhouse gas emissions from the power plants that dot the U.S. map.

vironmental advocates and industry representatives alike are anxiously awaiting details such as the size of the reductions the government will mandate and what baseline those reductions will be measured against.

"We all want clean air and clean water," said Sen. Mike Enzi R-Wyo., in the weekly GOP address. "We don't want costly regulations that make little or no difference, that are making things less affordable. Republicans want electricity and gas when you need it, at a price you can afford."

But Obama accused special interests and like-minded lawmakers of repeating false claims about harmful economic effects from the new rules, which the EPA is

already preparing to defend in court once the inevitable legal challenges roll in. Every time the U.S. has sought to clean up its air and water, cynics have cried wolf, only to be proved wrong, Obama said.

"These excuses for inaction somehow suggest a lack of faith in American businesses and American ingenuity," Obama said. "The truth is, when we ask our workers and businesses to innovate, they do. When we raise the bar, they meet it."

Obama asserted that in their first year in effect, the rules will prevent up to 100,000 asthma attacks and 2,100 heart attacks. In fact, scientists have said there's no direct connection between

greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and asthma attacks or other respiratory illnesses. But coal-fired power plants that emit high levels of greenhouse gases also pump other pollutants into the air that do affect health.

By drawing a link between the carbon rules and asthma, the White House is offering a nuanced argument. Over time, these rules will shift the U.S. away from coal and toward cleaner energy, indirectly reducing levels of other harmful pollutants.

Deploying that argument could embolden Republicans in their assertions that Democrats are waging a "war on coal" — a claim that Obama and his allies deny.

Pollution action stirs controversy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new pollution rule the Obama administration announces Monday will be a cornerstone of President Barack Obama's environmental legacy and arguably the most significant U.S. environmental regulation in decades.

It also will provoke a messy and drawn-out fight with states and companies that produce electricity, and may not be settled until the eve of the next presidential election in 2016, or beyond.

The rule will put executive powers to tackle the single largest source of the pollution blamed for heating the planet: carbon dioxide emitted from power plants. They produce about 40 percent of the electricity in the nation and about one-third of the carbon pollution that makes the U.S. the second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases.

The Chamber of Commerce said the rule would cost \$50 billion to the economy and kill jobs.

Some Democrats worried about re-elections have asked the White House, along with Republicans, to double the length of the rule-making comment period, until after this November's elections.

Rep. Nick Rahall, a Democrat from West Virginia, which gets 96 percent of its power from coal, said Thursday that while he didn't have the details, "from everything we know we can be sure of this: It will be bad for jobs." Rahall faces a difficult re-election in November.

Environmental groups, meanwhile, are taking credit for helping shape it and arguing it would create jobs, not eliminate them.

White House press secretary quits

By NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Jay Carney became the news instead of just delivering it Friday, when President Barack Obama unexpectedly interrupted the daily media briefing to announce Carney's resignation after three and a half years as his primary spokesman.

Obama said it was "bittersweet" to see his friend Carney step down and announced that principal deputy press secretary Josh Earnest will take over the job. Carney said the transition will take place about mid-June, but Earnest will take his place traveling next week on Obama's trip to Europe.

Carney brought rare but practical experience to the job as a former reporter who once covered the White House for Time magazine. He left journalism to become communications director for Vice President Joe Biden and moved over to serve as Obama's press secretary in 2011.

"He comes to this place with a reporter's perspective," Obama told reporters after interrupting Carney midsentence as he responded to a question on Ukraine. "That's why, believe it or not, I think he will miss hanging out with you."

A key component of a White House press secretary's job is to regularly joust with reporters in intense question-and-answer ses-

sions. Obama said he is putting the "flak jacket" for dealing with the press onto another friend in Earnest, who has worked with Obama since he was his communications director for the Iowa caucuses in the 2008 campaign.

The affable Earnest is well-liked within the White House press corps, and is seen as helpful. Reporters applauded the announcement. Earnest is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and Obama noted he still roots for the hometown baseball team, the Royals, as the son of an athletic coach.

"As you know, his name describes his demeanor," Obama said. "Josh is an earnest guy and you can't find just a nicer individual even outside of Washington."



SUSAN WALSH/AP

During a surprise visit Friday to the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House, President Barack Obama gives White House press secretary Jay Carney a hug after announcing that Carney will step down later next month.

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M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

Glaziers replace a layer of protective coating over the glass surface on the floor of one of four transparent ledges that jut out from the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower in Chicago on Thursday.

Cracks appear on glass ledge at Willis Tower in Chicago

By DON BABWIN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Alejandro Garibay says he knows now he wasn't in danger when the ledge he was sitting on high above downtown Chicago started to crack — but when he first heard what sounded like breaking ice, he thought he was going to die.

"All I knew is the glass is underneath me, there's 103 floors going all the way down, and this glass is broken — and I'm thinking I'm going to say hello to the sidewalk in just a few seconds," Garibay, 23, a bank employee from Stockton, Calif., said Thursday.

Officials at the Willis Tower,

a popular tourist attraction that was once called the Sears Tower, said it was the protective coating covering the four glass bays known collectively as The Ledge that was breaking beneath Garibay, his brother and two cousins on Wednesday night. A statement from the building's management said the coating, which occasionally cracks, does not affect the "structural integrity" of the ledge.

But officials at the Willis Tower — the second-tallest building in the United States, according to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat — said the four ledges were temporarily closed

for "routine inspection." The rest of the Skydeck remained open.

The glass bays, which opened in 2009, attract visitors in part because walking onto them allows the disconcerting feeling of stepping onto air. And Garibay said when the coating started to look like a busted windshield and he felt tiny bits of it on his palms, he and his relatives jumped back to avoid going "flying" through the air.

"Up until that second, it was awesome," he said. He and his family had been there at night so they could see fireworks at the Navy Pier. He said they did not get a refund.

Police: Va. man who thinks shooting a hoax stole Sandy Hook memorial signs

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
The Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — A Virginia man who believes the Sandy Hook school shootings were a hoax has been charged in the theft of two memorial signs in New Jersey and Connecticut dedicated to victims of those shootings, police said Friday.

Andrew Truelove, 28, who was renting a room in Herndon, was charged in Fairfax County with possession of stolen property, Herndon Police said.

Police said the blue and purple vinyl signs, one depicting a peace sign, were stolen from playgrounds in Mystic, Conn., and Mantoloking, N.J. They were dedicated to Grace McDonnell and Chase Kowalski, two of the

20 first-graders killed in the 2012 massacre.

At a news conference, Herndon Police Chief Maggie DeBoard said Truelove does not believe the Sandy Hook shootings actually occurred.

"It's hard to explain the 'why' because from our perspective it doesn't appear rational," DeBoard said.

After the Mystic sign was stolen, a man called the McDonnell family to taunt them, claiming responsibility for the theft and claiming the shootings were a hoax.

Well-wishers in Connecticut responded to the theft by putting up dozens of handmade signs, many with depictions of hearts and peace signs.

DeBoard said Truelove has a

history of criminal behavior involving kids and that he is banned from school property in Fairfax County. Court records show a variety of charges against him in recent years, including trespassing, disorderly conduct and destruction of property.

A lawyer who is representing him in an ongoing, unrelated case, Suzanne Hruby, said Friday night that she is unfamiliar with the new charges and declined to comment.

Truelove was being held in the Fairfax County jail. DeBoard said grand larceny charges are pending against him in Connecticut and New Jersey.

Herndon Police said they acted on a tip they received from police in Stonington, Conn., earlier in the week.

Six Cleveland officers charged in fatal chase

By MARK GILLISPIE
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A nighttime car chase in Cleveland that ended on a schoolyard where more than 100 shots were fired at the suspect's vehicle appeared to be over when an officer opened fire again, a prosecutor said in announcing charges against the patrolman and five police supervisors.

Cleveland patrol officer Michael Brelo stood on the hood of the suspect's car and fired at least 15 shots through the windshield — five fatal — at the two unarmed people inside, Cuyahoga County prosecutor Tim McGinty said Friday.

McGinty cited a U.S. Supreme Court ruling this week that said police can't fire on suspects after a public safety threat has ended. He said the other officers on the scene had stopped firing after the November 2012 chase ended.

"This was now a stop-and-shoot — no longer a chase-and-shoot," McGinty said in announcing two counts of manslaughter against Brelo. "The law does not allow for a stop-and-shoot."

Driver Timothy Russell was shot 23 times. Passenger Malissa Williams was shot 24 times.

No gun was found on them nor in their vehicle. The chase had begun when an officer thought he heard a gunshot from a car speeding by the police and courts complex, jumped into his patrol car and radioed for help. Police don't know why Russell didn't stop.

Brelo fired a total of 49 shots. In all, 137 shots were fired at the schoolyard, authorities say. None of the other 12 officers who fired shots was indicted, McGinty said Friday. Five supervisors were charged with dereliction of duty for failing to control the chase.

The killings have been decried as a racially motivated execution — both victims were black — and are part of a wide-ranging federal investigation, including into the police department's use of deadly force and its pursuit policies.

The chase involved five dozen cruisers and wove through residential neighborhoods, onto Interstate 90 and eventually ended in East Cleveland. McGinty said the chase covered 20 miles over 23 minutes and reached speeds of 110 mph.

Safety director Michael McGrath said 104 of the 277 Cleveland officers on duty that night were involved at some point.



TONY DEJAK/AP

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty speaks Friday about the grand jury announcement of the deaths of Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams in Cleveland.

Illinois shelving \$100M gift to Obama library

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A plan to offer \$100 million in tax dollars to lure Barack Obama's presidential library to Illinois is on the shelf, as lawmakers wrapped up their spring session without advancing the idea.

Democrats in the president's home state pushed the proposal to compete against rival bids from Hawaii and New York. But it faced opposition from Republicans wary of an expensive and precedent-setting gift — with no

immediately identified funding source — for a mostly private endeavor when the state faces serious fiscal difficulties.

Not all Democrats were on board, either. Both the Democratic-controlled House and the Senate adjourned without calling for any final votes on the measure.

"It wasn't clear that a state monetary incentive was necessary for a successful (library) proposal," said Rikeshia Phelon, a spokeswoman for Senate President John Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat.

From The Associated Press

UKRAINE UNREST

Ukraine still tense despite departure of Russian troops

By GRIFF WITTE
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The Washington Post

DONETSK, Ukraine — For more than a month, Donetsk has braced for invasion from the east, with tens of thousands of Russian troops massed just over the border and seemingly prepared to overrun this breakaway region of Ukraine.

But confirmation from NATO on Friday that most of those troops had pulled back brought no relief to the edgy streets of Donetsk: The Russians are already here. And the invasion may still come — from Ukrainian forces to the west.

Acting Ukrainian Defense Minister Mykhilo Koval said Friday that military operations in Donetsk and the surrounding areas would continue "until these regions begin to live normally, until there is peace."

That means taking on a separatist movement that gets more support from Russia by the day, as trucks laden with fighters and weapons rumble across a porous border that is only lightly defended by Ukrainian forces.

Despite president-elect Petro Poroshenko's promise to crush the rebellion in the east and unite his fractured country in "hours,"

even senior Ukrainian officials acknowledge that the armed forces are ill-equipped to counter what amounts to a stealth Russian invasion.

"The problem with the army is that it doesn't have experience conducting a war," said Konstantin Batsosky, an adviser to the governor of Donetsk, who in recent days has taken refuge in Kiev. "For 23 years, we were an absolutely peaceful country."

That peace has been obliterated in recent months by what has become a proxy fight between Russia and the West for supremacy in Ukraine.

Donetsk, which has borne the brunt of the violence, was relatively calm Friday after several days of fierce clashes. But the stakes continued to rise as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe announced that a team of international observers had been detained, just days after the abduction of another team.

The first team disappeared Monday night, and the self-appointed mayor of the rebel-held city of Sloviansk said Thursday that his forces were holding its four members captive. There was no immediate word on the whereabouts of the five monitors who vanished Friday in the adjacent region of Luhansk.



ALEXANDER ERMOSHENKO/AP

Thousands of demonstrators, holding Russian flags, rally against war and for Russian protection in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Saturday.

Hagel: Russia's actions rallied NATO

SINGAPORE — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Russia's aggressive action in Ukraine was "a jarring gong of reality" that galvanized NATO allies.

Hagel told an international security conference in Singapore that Russia's provocative

actions, which include the annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and the placement of thousands of troops along Ukraine's border, will force NATO nations to take another look at their defense budgets.

U.S. leaders have pressed NATO allies to increase defense spending and broaden efforts to cooperate and coordinate more on security, Hagel said

NATO partners such as Poland have increased some defense capabilities.

Hagel is expected to attend a meeting of NATO defense ministers this week. Russia's actions have worried NATO nations and spurred more military training and fighter jet patrols in the region.

From The Associated Press

Luhansk and Donetsk were declared "sovereign" republics by separatists after a disputed May 11 vote on self-rule. In both places, rebel forces have taken over government buildings and fought off attempts by the security forces to restore state control.

Hagel also gave a call on Russia to invade Ukraine to protect people in the east from their

own government. For the moment, that option appears unlikely. NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Friday that two-thirds of Russian troops that had been massed on the border had now withdrawn. But, he said, enough troops remain to "take action if a political decision is taken. So we continue to call on Russia to stop supporting armed pro-Rus-

sian gangs and seal the border so that we don't see arms and fighters crossing into Ukraine."

Ukrainian officials estimate that five to seven trucks slip into the country daily with supplies and reinforcements for the rebels.

Russia strenuously denies any role in the infiltration and has said Ukraine's security problems are of its own making.

US dependence on Russian rockets a vexing issue

By JOEL ACHENBACH
The Washington Post

American spy satellites and classified military spacecraft are routinely launched into orbit with help from Russian rocket engines developed in the Soviet era. There is no secret to anyone in the world of national security space launches.

The big question is whether this intimate technological relationship can continue given the political fallout from Russia's actions in Ukraine. Already, a top Kremlin official has threatened to ban the export to the United States of powerful RD-180 engines unless Russia is guaranteed that they won't be used by the U.S. military.

U.S. military officials and space-industry experts say it's high time the United States had an industrial base that produced rocket engines that can do what the Russian engines do. Congress is in the process of authorizing money for such an effort. In theory, it's a no-brainer: Why rely on Russians for such an integral element of the U.S. national security program?

But everything is highly inertial in the world of rocket science. The creation of powerful rocket engines in the United States could take several years at least. If the supply of Russian engines were cut off in the meantime, the U.S. launch program would face delays, with attendant costs to the taxpayers of billions of dollars, accord-

ing to a recent U.S. Air Force study.

Currently the United States is planning 38 launches of the Atlas V, the main stage of which uses the Russian-made, liquid-fueled RD-180 engine, but it has only 16 of those RD-180s in the stockpile, the study said.

"One thing about the Russians, it may not be the most elegant and subtle design, but man, the thing works. It's a tank."

Mike Gass
United Launch Alliance

Atlas V rocket has made more than 50 consecutive successful launches using the RD-180. NASA and other government agencies rely on the Atlas V for some of their scientific payloads.

"The former Soviet Union invested in technology. Our country has not invested in that technology for now going on 30 years," said Mike Gass, the chief executive of United Launch Alliance, the 50-50 joint partnership of Lockheed Martin and

Boeing that owns the Atlas V and Delta IV rockets and currently handles virtually all national security launches.

"One thing about the Russians, it may not be the most elegant and subtle design, but man, the thing works. It's a tank," said another executive in the U.S. launch industry, requesting anonymity because of the delicate nature of the issue.

The United States and Russia continue to cooperate in operating the International Space Station with their other partners. But on May 13, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin, who is in charge of the country's space sector, said at a media briefing that his country would no longer sell rocket engines to the United States for military purposes. On his Twitter account he made a reference to the U.S. reliance on Russian rockets to send astronauts to and from the International Space Station, saying the United States should consider using a trampoline.

The Air Force and the White House have both signaled that they have heard nothing official from the Russian government about a blockade on engine sales.

"I think this is a time to pause and find out if that is an official position," Gen. William Shelton, head of the Air Force Space Command, said recently. "Industry to industry, I think there are some indications that business-as-usual is what we're talking about."



BILL INGALLS, NASA/Bloomberg

A NASA Atlas V rocket launches from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in 2009. The main stage of an Atlas V rocket uses a Russian-made engine.

WORLD

Thai coup chief: Voting could occur in 1 year



WASAN WANICHAKORN/AP

Workers remove a decorated McDonald's mannequin to inside its restaurant after anti-coup protesters used the place as a gathering spot and used the McDonald's logo in their anti-coup signs Saturday in Bangkok.

McDonald's to Thais: No arches in anti-coup demonstration signs

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — McDonald's is not loving it in Thailand.

The burger chain's famous golden arches have become part of the iconography of anti-coup protests and it is warning activists to "cease and refrain" from using its trademark.

One of the McDonald's stores in Bangkok has become

a gathering place for protests following the May 22 military takeover because of its central location. Some protesters have used the McDonald's logo in their anti-coup signs, replacing the "m" in democracy with the yellow arches.

McThai, which operates McDonald's restaurants in Thailand, said it is maintaining a "neutral stance" amid political

turbulence in the Southeast Asian kingdom famous for its ornate temples, vibrant nightlife and white sand beaches.

The company said it could take "appropriate measures" if protesters continue to appropriate its logo.

Thailand's army seized power after six months of protests in Bangkok aimed at ousting the elected government.

BY THANYARAT DOKSONE

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — In his first address to the public since taking control of Thailand in a bloodless coup, the head of the military junta said Friday that it could take more than a year for new elections to be held because peace and reforms must be achieved first.

Army commander Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha repeated warnings against protests or resistance to the army's May 22 takeover, saying they would slow the process of bringing back "happiness" to the Thai people.

A return to democracy will not happen if there are still "protests without a true understanding of democracy," he said.

The speech was meant to reassure Thais that the army has a plan to keep the country stable and restore democracy.

But it was unlikely to win favor among supporters of the ousted civilian government because it laid out broadly the same program advocated by anti-government protesters who demonstrated aggressively for seven months to try to topple it, clashing with police and occupying government offices.

Prayuth said it would take the junta, called the National Council for Peace and Order, at least two to three months to achieve reconciliation in the deeply divided country, then take about a year to write a new constitution and set up an interim government. Only then could elections be held, he said.

"Give us time to solve the problems for you. Then the soldiers will step back to look at Thailand from afar," he said.

The United States, a longtime ally of Thailand, said it believed elections should be held sooner.

Certainly we don't want anything to end in chaos. But we think setting a timeline for early elections is something that is not just possible, but it's what the appropriate step is and that that should be

what their focus is on," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters in Washington.

Prayuth did not mention former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose political machine was the protesters' main target. Thaksin, who is at the center of Thailand's political divide, was overthrown in a 2006 military coup after being accused of corruption and abuse of power. His sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was prime minister of the government that was besieged by protesters. Her government won a landslide election victory three years ago.

Prayuth explained the reasons for the army's action, and the junta's plans for administering the country, emphasizing financial stability and transparency.

"The reason NCPO has taken control of national administration was because of the prolonged political deadlock, protests, and violence," he said. "The caretaker government was unable to perform their duties effectively," and the situation risked hurting the economy, he said.

International reaction to the coup has been largely negative. English-language subtitles accompanied Prayuth's speech, which was broadcast on all television stations.

"The NCPO does understand the feelings of the foreigners," he said. "We do understand the world's order, that at the moment, it's the world of democracy. But let us have time to change our attitudes, values and several other things to solve Thailand's democracy to make it match with the international standards."

In the past week, the junta has moved to silence its critics and warned that it will not tolerate dissent.

It has summoned more than 250 people, including members of the ousted government and other leading political figures, journalists, scholars and activists seen as critical of the regime. Roughly 70 people are still in custody.

India arrests 3rd suspect in gang rape of 2 teens

The Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — Police arrested a third suspect Saturday in the gang rape and slaying of two teenage cousins found hanging from a tree in northern India, as a top state official said he was recommending a federal investigation into a case that has triggered national outrage.

The three suspects detained in the attack in Uttar Pradesh state are cousins in their 20s from an extended family, and they face murder and rape charges, crimes punishable by the death penalty, said police officer N. Malik. Two other suspects from the same village are also being sought, he said.

Facing growing criticism for a series of rapes, authorities in Uttar Pradesh, which has a longstanding reputation for lawlessness, also arrested two police officers and fired two others Friday for failing to investigate when the father of one of the teenagers reported the girls missing earlier in the week.

India has a long history of tolerance for sexual violence. But the gang rape and killing of the 14- and 15-year-old girls — which was followed by TV footage showing their corpses swaying as they hung from a mango tree — caused outrage across the nation. The father who reported the girls missing, Sohan Lal, has demanded a federal investigation.

Missionary gets life term in N. Korea

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The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Saturday it has sentenced a South Korean Baptist missionary to hard labor for life for allegedly spying and trying to set up underground churches, the latest in a string of missionaries to run into trouble in the rigidly controlled North.

North Korean state media said the missionary was tried Friday and admitted to anti-North Korean religious acts and "maliciously hurting the dignity" of the country's supreme leadership, a reference to the ruling Kim family. The rival Koreas have different English spelling styles for Korean names, so the North called the missionary Kim Jong

Uk, but Seoul has previously referred to him as Kim Jung Wook.

Christian missionaries have been drawn over the years to totalitarian North Korea, which tolerates only strictly sanctioned religious services. North Korean state media said that the distribution of Bibles and secret prayer services can mean banishment to a labor camp or execution.

North Korea said in a dispatch dated Friday but released early Saturday that Kim had defense counsel, but the details of the trial could not be independently confirmed.

North Korea does not have an independent judiciary, does not provide fair trials and imposes rigid controls over many aspects of its citizens' lives, including in religious matters, according to the U.S. State Department.

The unidentified North Korean defense attorney said that Kim "sincerely repented of his crimes and apologized for them" and requested that the court commute the death sentence demanded by prosecutors. The North said that an expert produced "evidence such as religious books, memory cards, sex CDs and spying devices carried by the accused for criminal purposes."

Outside analysts have said that North Korea has previously used foreign detainees as bargaining chips in efforts to receive outside aid and political concessions. The sentencing comes amid rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula, which is still technically in a state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty.

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OPINION

Snowden still doesn't look like a hero

The Baltimore Sun

Accused National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden was handed a golden opportunity to justify himself Wednesday when he was asked by NBC's Brian Williams whether the American public should view his unauthorized release of thousands of classified U.S. government documents to the media as a principled act of civil disobedience or as a betrayal of his country — and he blew it.

The interview, taped last week, took place at a hotel in Moscow, where Snowden fled last year in order to avoid prosecution on espionage charges. Snowden spent much of the hourlong broadcast trying to convince Williams and the TV audience that he was actually a patriot, not a traitor. His actions, he said, were those of a whistleblower prompted by the noblest of motives: to alert his fellow citizens of the massive government wrongdoing involved in the NSA's secret surveillance programs targeting millions of Americans' private phone calls and emails.

Much of what Snowden had to say about the government's technical capacity to invade the privacy of ordinary citizens without their knowledge or consent surely resonated with a public that has become far more concerned about the scope and purposes of the NSA's activities than it was a year ago, when the secret surveillance programs were first reported. Snowden kept reiterating that he felt it was his duty to reveal their existence in order to protect Americans' constitutional rights to privacy and freedom from unwarranted searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment.

But the crucial question came when Williams asked Snowden why he fled to Russia if he considered his disclosure of classified material an act of civil disobedience. Why didn't he return to the United States, as Secretary of State John Kerry has urged him to do, in order to face the charges against him at a public trial where he could argue the legitimacy of his motives and the gravity of the danger represented by the NSA's unchecked power to peer into the private lives of citizens?

Moreover, Williams reminded him, isn't the whole point of civil disobedience that it is driven by conscience and that those who practice it must also be willing to suffer the



COURTESY OF NBC NEWS/AP

In this image taken from video, Edward Snowden, a former National Security Agency contractor, right, speaks to NBC News anchor Brian Williams, left, during a May 28 interview.

consequences for their actions?

Snowden's reply, in a nutshell, was that, one, he couldn't get a fair trial in the U.S. under the terms of the Espionage Act and, two, that he was unwilling to risk spending years or possibly decades in prison because the criminal system was rigged against defendants in espionage cases. That, he said, would only discourage future whistleblowers from coming forward when they saw the government engaged in illegal activity carried out in secret.

But wait — nobody ever said you're only obligated to endure the consequences of your actions if those consequences are to your liking and that, if not, you're free to skip them altogether. Yet that is exactly what Snowden seemed to be saying. He suggested he would return to the U.S. if he can work out a plea deal with the Justice Department in advance that would require him to serve only a relatively light prison term — perhaps a year or so. Anything more than that, he said, would be unacceptable.

Does that sound like someone who broke the law out of conscience in full recognition that he should be prepared to endure

the consequences of his actions? Not to us it doesn't. Snowden had a chance to reclaim the moral high ground he lost when he initially fled to Russia (en route to Cuba or Ecuador, he hoped) after his identity as the source of the leaked documents was revealed. None of those countries can be said to respect the privacy rights of their citizens or their right to freedom of expression. If Snowden was trying to make a point about limiting governments' intrusion into their citizens' private lives, he could hardly have picked three worse examples of places where those limits are routinely violated.

If American viewers were looking for a credible explanation of why Snowden leaked thousands of classified documents that the U.S. says resulted in serious damage to the nation's security, they didn't get it on Wednesday. There is no question that Snowden revealed things about our government's activities that demanded reforms. But there is also no doubt that he broke his oath to protect the country and then fled to avoid facing the consequences of his crime. For that reason, we cannot see him as the hero he would like to be.

Should Kerry be telling Snowden to 'man up'?

By ROBIN ABCARIAN

Los Angeles Times

It seems ironic that a man who was often accused of being effete when he ran for president in 2004 has impugned someone else's manhood to make a political point.

But that's what happened Wednesday when Secretary of State John Kerry was asked about fugitive National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

"He should man up and come back to the United States if he has a complaint about what's the matter with American surveillance," Kerry told "CBS This Morning." "Come back here and stand with our system of justice and make his case."

Man up?

This from a man tarnished by sleazeballs who tried to turn his Vietnam War service against him when he ran for president against George W. Bush? This from a man who was mocked as witty because he wind-surfs, speaks French and puts the wind sort of cheese on his cheesesteak?

Anyway, we need to move away from the idea that masculinity and courage are synonymous terms.

Polls show that Americans have been

divided over whether Snowden helped or harmed U.S. security. But they strongly believe the NSA's domestic spying operation has compromised their own privacy. Recently, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a measure that would reform the country's surveillance law and put an end to the NSA's bulk data collection. That is a direct and positive result of Snowden's actions. Not that you will get anyone in Congress to admit it.

Intelligence officials say he has compromised their ability to spy on groups like al-Qaida. National Intelligence Director James Clapper said bluntly in January that Snowden had done "profound damage" and that the country is "less safe."

Wednesday, Kerry echoed Clapper: "The fact is, he has damaged our country very significantly in many, many ways," he told "CBS This Morning." "He has hurt operational security, he has lost terrorists what they can now do to be able to avoid detection, and I find it sad and disgraceful."

But he also took pains to belittle Snowden, who said he cannot leave Russia because the U.S. had revoked his passport. Kerry implied Snowden's patriotism ("a patriot would not run away"). He said Snowden

was "supposedly smart" but gave a "dumb answer" about why he was stuck in Russia.

In a profile of Snowden late last year, the Washington Post's Barton Gellman, who spent 14 hours with Snowden in Moscow for the story, chronicled some of the many changes wrought by Snowden's revelations:

"The cascading effects have made themselves felt in Congress, the courts, popular culture, Silicon Valley and world capitals. The basic structure of the Internet itself is now in question, as Brazil and members of the European Union and U.S. technology giants including Google, Microsoft and Yahoo take to block the collection of data by their government."

This year, Gellman and his Post colleagues shared the public service Pulitzer Prize with the Guardian's Glenn Greenwald for breaking the Snowden stories.

Whatever American officials think of Snowden, they should rethink their rhetoric against him. Playground insults like "man up" have no place here.

But more important, if they really want him to come home, they should make some guarantees about how he will be treated.

Otherwise, he has every reason to stay away.

OPINION

Messages from the VA health care scandal

BY JAY AMBROSE

The Veterans Affairs scandal contains messages galore, not the least of which is that bureaucratically managed, socialized medicine can be a life-robbing political blunder. And, please, do not suppose a system that falls a tad short of that description is not a blunder, too. Let Obamacare bloom and watch the rationing there.

Yes, rationing, at least of a kind. An official report now shows 1,700 sick veterans seeking help in Phoenix never even made it to a VA hospital's waiting list and maybe never received a stethoscope's worth of care.

That's hardly the end of it, because while the VA inspector general is still studying previous allegations that dozens of veterans died as they went unattended, the report does say there were long waits for many who did get care, a bundle of lies about all of this and that the issue isn't just Phoenix. It is system-wide.

Though these and other details are fresh, the issue is not new. For a variety of reasons, largely the wars in the Middle East, we have had more and more veterans seeking VA help and many getting it only slowly at best even though Congress allocated more money to accommodate those in need. The Obama administration had known much was amiss. Even in the 2008 presidential campaign, candidate Barack Obama blistered George W. Bush's hide because of a veteran who committed suicide after receiving no care, which brings us to something Obama is good at: indignant rhetoric.

What he's not particularly good at is practical problem-solving action. He has shown as much in non-negotiations with Congress and in divisive, politically devious leadership that has given us the worst economic recovery since World War II, for instance. A truly competent, responsive, experienced leader might have begun a process to end the rationing some time ago.

Lately, reacting to the latest scandal, the administration did agree to letting more veterans use private facilities at government expense, a tiny step forward as a more fundamental issue sits there. It's that massive, monopolistic bureaucracy is seldom flexible, adaptive or inclined toward urgency. The VA medical program is such a bureaucracy and has been demonstrat-



MATT MCCLAIN/The Washington Post

Headquarters of the Department of Veterans Affairs as seen Wednesday in Washington.

ing the consequences at least since 1945. According to CNN, that's when cheapjack treatments in VA hospitals came to the attention of President Harry Truman, causing him to bid an administrator goodbye.

President Bill Clinton, a better problem solver than Obama, was able to effect positive changes in VA hospitals through the appointment of a livewire undersecretary with a mission. But what we've mostly had is systemic drag suggesting we reach elsewhere for answers. Avik Roy, an expert writing in Forbes online, believes the answer is letting veterans use government funds to buy private insurance usable in any hospital — a large version of what

the Obama administration is now trying — while VA hospitals seek out civilian patients in addition to veterans.

Something like that might work, although it would send chills up the backs of some less than studious, big-name commentators who once said VA hospitals proved socialist medicine was health utopia. They would also like massive, bureaucratic Obamacare more if it were a more massive, bureaucratic single-payer system of the kind you have in Britain, another venue of dangerously long waiting.

True, some of the issues addressed by Obamacare absolutely need addressing, but prudently, in small steps, not by means

of turning everything upside down and figuring everyone would land safely because know-it-alls said they would.

Right now, according to a New York Times report, some hospitals are cutting back on charitable cases until would-be patients purchase insurance made available through Obamacare. So if the sickly can't afford the price, how do they get taken care of?

Here, in other words, is yet another demonstration that our Washington caretakers need to start studying the messages telling them that overly big can be overly bad.

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Women grow up being afraid of, fending off creeps

BY GINA BARRECA

Yes, all women, all girls, grow up learning ways to avoid attracting attention of unsavory guys; it's no doubt built into our DNA along with an affection for miniatures and the early songs of Patsy Cline.

Simply in order to leave the house in the morning, a girl has to assemble an arsenal of behaviors to "just shut that thing down." You remember that phrase, right? That's from Todd Akin, R-Mo, who argued not very long ago that women don't get pregnant from criminals because "if it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down."

Every girl remembers the first time she was degraded sexually in public. It is not, as the movies would have us believe, a wonderfully cheerful moment of sensual awakening and blossoming womanhood.

It's the moment when you start carrying your keys in your hand so you've got quick access to the door plus some metal buttons on your fingers, and when you should have your phone pre-dialed to 911

so that there's one more digit to hit. It's the sense of shame sweeping over you because you looked "pretty" only to be slimed in a drive-by insult, told you look like a hooker. It's knowing where the well-lit streets are because you are afraid of the dark, and it's being wary of the spotlight because if you're the center of attention, you're an easy target.

It's developing a ninja-like awareness of your surroundings even when you're supposed to be relaxed and enjoying yourself. It's recognizing that nowhere is safe. If girls standing on the lawn of the California house where they lived in college weren't safe from a 22-year-old who wanted to prove he was the "alpha man" by slaughtering them, then nowhere is safe.

So we develop strategies to make ourselves feel, if not safe, then safer. They are talismanic rather than scientific, but some do work.

I discovered around age 12, for example, that one way to dissuade men from leering at me or making sucking-teeth-clicking noises as I passed them on the street was to stick a finger in my ear and start dig-

ging. You have to look really determined; you have to appear on a mission.

It can't look like you're twirling a strand of your hair or something like that, because that might be seen as cute and then you couldn't expect anybody's sympathy even if you were abducted and forced to live on a farm with Todd Akin.

If that didn't work, and an intimidating presence remained nearby — let's say on a subway or bus where you couldn't just sneak away casually but had to stay in your seat for fear of never finding one again — sticking another finger unapologetically and directly into a nostril and keeping it there would, nine times out of 10, work instantly.

That you'd never be able to get a date in that borough with a normal guy would be the downside.

Yes, all women and girls have ways of making ourselves inconspicuous. It isn't modesty that drives us to do it: It's fear. It's self-protection. And don't tell yourself we're being forced into the virtue of modesty because we're not, no more than a man with his hand cut off is being forced

into the virtue of patience.

It's also hard to get ahead in the world if you spend a lot of time looking over your shoulder to make sure you're not being stalked.

Yet, yes, all women want love. But what disguises itself under that name, smuggled in under a fake passport? You know that somewhere there's a teenage girl feeling really bad for the Santa Barbara murderer because "all he needed was somebody to love him." She's writing poems to him right now, romanticizing the violence and turning pathology into romance.

And yes, while all people wish we could shut it all out and pretend it will all go away, we can't. Hatred, disguised as lust, haunts, corrodes and seeps from one generation to the next.

The system that supports it can't be ignored; it must be dismantled. It's work that needs to be done by us — by all of us.

Gina Barreca is an English professor at the University of Connecticut, a feminist scholar who has written eight books, and a columnist for the Hartford Courant.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man charged with skin thefts from hospital

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Pennsylvania man has been charged with stealing more than \$350,000 worth of human skin over a period of several years.

Gary Dudek, 54, of Wallingford, was arrested last Monday and charged with theft, receiving stolen property and tampering with records.

Authorities said he worked until September as a sales representative for a Massachusetts-based regenerative medicine firm and had the authority to order skin grafts for Mercy Philadelphia Hospital.

The Philadelphia Daily News reported that authorities allege that Dudek ordered more than 200 grafts without authorization that the hospital never received. Each cost \$1,700.

Cook licks sandwiches before serving officers

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A cook at a New Mexico facility that trains state corrections employees faces battery charges after authorities say she secretly licked sandwiches and then served them to probation and parole officers.

KOAT-TV reported that Yolanda Arguello, 59, was charged last week following witness interviews into the bizarre allegations at the South Valley New Mexico Women's Recovery Academy in Albuquerque.

According to a criminal complaint, witnesses told investigators that Arguello would take a piece of cheese, lick it and put it in sandwiches at the academy. Another witness told authorities Arguello was seen sucking on an ice cube and putting it back into a cup before handing it to a staff member.

41 charged in scam involving dead deer

PA PHILADELPHIA — Forty-one people in Philadelphia are facing charges in what prosecutors call an elaborate insurance fraud scheme that used dead deer to fake car accidents.

Ronald Galati Sr. is accused of running a \$5 million scam out of his auto body shop.

District Attorney Seth Williams said Wednesday that Galati coached customers to claim they'd struck a deer rather than a car. That way, insurance companies would consider them "no fault" accidents and pay the claims without raising the customers' premiums.

Investigators said Galati stored deer carcasses, blood and fur in the back of his shop to use as props.

Toddler severely burned in drug raid in Georgia

GA ATLANTA — A Georgia family said a toddler was seriously hurt by a flash grenade when police carried out a drug raid at their home.

Alexia Phonessavanh told local media outlets that her 19-month-



MARK REIS, THE COLORADO SPRINGS (COLO.) GAZETTE/AP

The 'bucket brigade'

First-graders from Rockrimmon Elementary School in Colorado Springs, Colo., form a "bucket brigade" for delivering mulch while volunteering Thursday at the Flying W Ranch. Sixty first-graders from the school spread the mulch as part of postfire watershed rehabilitation in an area burned during the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire. Flying W Ranch Foundation Executive Director Aaron Winter said volunteers usually have to be 15 years old, but he made an exception for the first-graders. "Many of these kids were evacuated during the Waldo Canyon Fire, so we wanted them to be here," he said.

THE CENSUS

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The number of pounds of marijuana seized by federal authorities after it was dumped from a fleeing boat off the Southern California coast. U-T San Diego reported Wednesday that a Coast Guard helicopter crew on patrol first spotted the 40-foot panga boat with three people aboard near San Clemente Island. A Coast Guard cutter chased the panga into Mexican waters, where the Mexican navy took over the pursuit. Another boat crew recovered 281 bales of marijuana thrown overboard about 130 miles off San Diego.

old son was sleeping in his playpen when the raid began Wednesday morning. She said the flash grenade landed in the boy's playpen and went off near his face.

Phonessavanh said the boy's face was severely burned, and he was in a medically induced coma in a hospital.

State liquor commission revising festival rules

UT SALT LAKE CITY — What's an Oktoberfest without beer? Utah residents may soon find out.

The Utah liquor commission put Snowbird Ski Resort officials on notice last week that it may not grant the permit for its Oktoberfest festival, held each weekend from Aug. 16-Oct. 12. The commission is trying to reign in permits for special events as it re-evaluates who should really be approved.

"We're trying to send a signal that we are tightening up," said state liquor commission chairman David Gladwell during a monthly meeting Tuesday, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

The seven-person board approved a permit for the Snowbird's Father's Day Brewfest in mid-June, but only following a lengthy discussion Tuesday. Gladwell said the commission is studying state law to determine if the single-event permits were designed for charitable organizations and not businesses that use them to rake in profits.

'Weed Fairy' gives out pot nuggets to amuse

WA SEATTLE — A woman who calls herself the "Weed Fairy" distributed free nuggets of marijuana to people in Seattle over Memorial Day weekend, taping the free pot on fliers

around a city neighborhood.

The woman, Yeni Sleidi, 23, said she does it to amuse people and to give them a break from everyday stress.

She said 50 fliers had nuggets taped to them. "People mostly laughed," Sleidi said Wednesday.

The fliers came with the message: "These are tough times. Take this weed."

Former lottery worker charged with fraud

IA FORT DODGE — A former Iowa lottery worker has been charged with several felony fraud counts after investigators say she kept several scratch lottery tickets she was supposed to deliver to north Iowa stores.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety said in a written release Friday that Toni Hammer, of Alta, has been charged in Web-

ster County with seven felony counts of lottery fraud and one count of tampering with records, a misdemeanor.

Cop admits extortion, stolen goods scheme

NJ TRENTON — A Jersey City police officer has admitted he stole more than half a million cigarettes and extorted \$20,000 from a person he thought was a drug courier.

Mario Rodriguez, 39, pleaded guilty in federal court in Trenton Friday to transporting stolen goods and extortion conspiracy. The extortion charge carries a maximum 20-year sentence.

The U.S. attorney's office said the Jersey City resident was approached by a government informant last year to help him steal cigarettes and TVs from a trailer parked in Seacaus. The two allegedly sold the goods on Staten Island to an undercover officer posing as a buyer.

Later, Rodriguez and the informant allegedly met another undercover agent and planned the robbery of a female drug courier. Unbeknownst to Rodriguez, the woman also was an undercover agent.

From wire reports

BOOKS

WWI flying ace lauded in 'Enduring Courage'

By TISH WELLS
McClatchy News Tribune

In his book "Enduring Courage," John F. Ross aims to revive the memory of World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker, who was also an early racecar driver of renown, and the creator of now-defunct Eastern Air Lines.

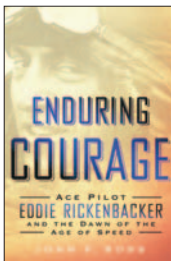
"I spent a lot of time reading about Eddie Rickenbacker, his buddies, the kids, the flyboys," said Ross at a book gathering, "and the early American air service over northern France flying against the real pros, the Germans, the Flying Circus. You read their journals and their letters home, they're talking these life-and-death things."

Rickenbacker was born in 1890 in Columbus, Ohio, the oldest son of two poor Swiss immigrants. His mother was the strongest influence on Rickenbacker.

"Eddie grew up watching his fiercely self-reliant mother doing whatever it was to survive," says Ross in the book. Rickenbacker was no slouch on his own, selling newspapers as a 5-year-old and keeping goats to sell their milk. After his abusive father died in 1904, he lied about his age and got a job at a glass factory.

Ross devotes most of "Enduring Courage" to two sections of Rickenbacker's life: the automobile and the airplane.

In the early 20th century, "there was this incredible intersection in American history between the car ... and the



seatbelt, pre-windshield era." "In cars they went from these amateurs to this new breed of professionals," said Ross.

Rickenbacker was a top racecar driver before turning his abilities a different way: flying.

In the early 1900s, airplanes had evolved quickly from the cloth-and-baling wire of the Wright Brothers to the warplanes of the Western Front of World War I with their

airplane," Ross said. He discovered something he never knew: "Eddie Rickenbacker was a racecar driver."

Rickenbacker's love of the automobile started in his early teens when he got a job with one of the small garages in Columbus, learning about all the vehicles of the early automotive industry.

This led to racing cars during a very dangerous time. The auto industry was in its infancy, and racecars weren't made for safety. The drivers were often casualties in the pre-

open cockpits and lack of parachutes. It was also mostly for the upper crust, and Rickenbacker faced discrimination from his immigrant background. That didn't matter in the long run; flyers died on a daily basis in dogfights between the Allies and Germany's flashy-painted squadron, the "Flying Circus," led by Baron Manfred von Richthofen.

"Pilots were largely on their own, picking up insights from fellow fliers and always, if they wished to live, paying attention," writes Ross.

Rickenbacker would become the American ace, with 26 kills to his name.

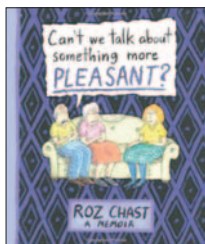
After the war, he went into business, succeeding and failing, but finally building Eastern Air Lines.

He still ran into risks. During World War II, on a trip to Asia, he was on a B-17 that crashed into the Pacific Ocean. It took them more than three weeks to be rescued, and many of the survivors credited Rickenbacker for keeping them alive.

He died at 82.

"I think writing a book is, at its best, a kind of a voyage of exploration," Ross said. "You're surprised and baffled and challenged."

"This book is about courage. This book is about new things, new technologies, adopting and what it was like to take them to their end. This was the first 'Right Stuff.'"



Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?

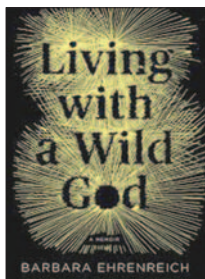
Roz Chast

Chast's work as a cartoonist has always focused on the crazy-making dilemmas and absurdities of modern life, from the political to the personal. Chast's memoir takes on another zeitgeist-y topic: caring for aging parents.

The story unfolds over 18 chapters, using both cartoon panels and paragraphs of handwritten text. There also are scrapbook-style pages of family snapshots, typewriters of Chast's mother's rhyming poems, and photographs of the old shavers, eyeglasses and piles of paper left behind when the couple moved out of their Brooklyn apartment of 48 years. Most powerfully, the book closes with a series of portraits Chast drew at her mother's bedside in the last days of her life.

Chast's unflinching self-awareness and black humor take the edge off the harsher aspects of this difficult story, but perhaps nothing is more touching than how much the cartoon Roz resembles the cartoon Elizabeth, her mother. The truth of this book goes deeper than words.

— Marion Winik/Newsday



Living with a Wild God

Barbara Ehrenreich

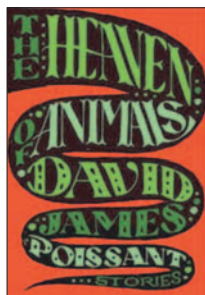
"I was born to atheism and raised in it, by people who had derived their own atheism from a proud tradition of working-class rejection of authority in all its forms, whether vested in bosses or priests, gods or demons." That sounds like the Barbara Ehrenreich we know — the political activist and author of "Nickel and Dimed," the feisty champion of the working poor, the professional cynic who punctured the balloon of positive thinking in "Bright-Sided."

So who, exactly, is the Barbara Ehrenreich of "Living With a Wild God"? When did a supreme deity enter the picture?

Drawing from a journal that she kept as a teenager in the 1950s, "Living with a Wild God" tracks the serious young Ehrenreich's attempts to understand what she calls "the situation": "What is the point of our brief existence? What are we doing here and to what end?"

Suffice it to say that Ehrenreich does not fit herself neatly into organized religion. But this dyed-in-the-wool skeptic has allowed her thinking to evolve in ways that will surprise her readers.

— Tom Beer/Newsday



The Heaven of Animals

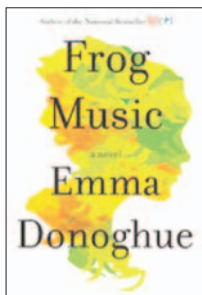
David James Poissant

"The Heaven of Animals," Poissant's self-assured debut story collection, takes a penetrating look at the anxious state of manhood in the new century. In almost all of the 15 tightly plotted entries, bruised and agitated men strive to rise above their reptilian brains and channel more nurturing mammalian instincts. The unspoken argument often driving the action comes down to the age-old debate of nature vs. nurture, and not only in terms of genetic predisposition. Poissant's everyman cast — mechanics, teachers, telemarketers — long to find emotional connections, but the forces of (human) nature keep getting in the way.

Poissant demonstrates that mankind, especially American males, might not be so separate from the animal kingdom after all. However, he wisely resists a heavy-handed polemic on millennial angst. His finest stories focus on the nuts and bolts of narrative. Despite the preponderance of scales, tails, fangs and feathers that occupy "The Heaven of Animals," its real subject is all too human.

— Tray Butler

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Frog Music

Emma Donoghue

Donoghue's last novel, her best-selling "Room" (2010), brought readers fiercely, spellbindingly into the world of a captive small boy and his mother. With her latest, "Frog Music," Donoghue employs similar literary alchemy to depict the lives of two Frenchwomen, immigrants to San Francisco in the 1870s.

It begins with a real-life, never-solved 1876 murder, that of 22-year-old (or thereabouts) Jenny (nee Jeanne) Bonnet, pronounced "bone-AY," a la Francaise. She's shot at a railway-station boarding-house near San Francisco, with her friend, 25-year-old Blanche Beunon, sitting nearby.

The women had fled the city fearful that Blanche's ex-par amour, Arthur, and his partner-in-mayhem, Ernest, have murder on their minds. "Frog Music" flits between 1876, as Blanche tries desperately to solve her friend's killing, and their recent past, showing us how Jenny and Blanche's relationship developed.

This is a book to cherish, to share with your friends and to read again in a few years.

— Joy Tipping
The Dallas Morning News



The Corsican Capers

Peter Mayle

Mayle's newest novel, "The Corsican Capers," is a breezy account of an evil Russian tycoon and his plot to murder a buddy of Sam Levitt — Mayle's "master sleuth" — and Levitt's efforts to foil the plot, which is set in France. A lot of drinking and dining goes on as well.

"The Corsican Capers" goes for locale — most of it being Provence with some scenes in Corsica, which seems wonderfully stuck in a time warp — at least as much as plot. Don't expect riveting suspense.

The novel is pleasant escapism, and you're in good company with Mayle's cast of characters. You eventually start to feel as if you're in this circle of friends who have lots of money and the time to enjoy it in and around Marseille. Meals are prominently featured in this novel by the author of "A Year in Provence."

You can enjoy many dining experiences with Levitt and his acquaintances, and spicing things up is the effort to prevent a homicide. And you won't go away too full.

— Andrew O. Selsky/AP

LIFESTYLE

Sky-high technology

Sellers use drones to market properties

By NATALIE SHERMAN
The Baltimore Sun

Real estate agents have long boasted of the lengths they'll go to market properties. Now, for some, the sky's the limit.

As unmanned aircraft become more widely available, some agents have started to use drones to sell listings, inviting prospective buyers on aerial tours of country estates, waterfront acreage — and even standard, suburban development.

"A buyer today wants to see a stunning Hollywood trailer experience," said Robert McArtor, an agent with Re/Max Components in Fallston, Md., who uses a GoPro camera mounted on the belly of a quadcopter to take aerial video of his listings. "We have created the wow factor."

McArtor, who does not consider himself a tech aficionado, said he "was nervous as all heck" when he launched his first drone this winter, a bug-like aircraft he flies by remote control, looping around a property at an altitude of 25 to 50 feet. It took more than 20 hours of flight time — and a few crashes — to develop the technique.

"I flew this thing all winter long," he said. "I'm kind of a nerd with this thing now."

McArtor is one of the few agents in the Baltimore region talking about his activities — at least in part because using a drone for a commercial purpose is officially outlawed by the Federal Aviation Administration, which is authorized to regulate unmanned aircraft and has been working on rules to govern systems weighing less than 55 pounds since 2008. (Hobbyists are allowed to fly drones up to 400 feet in the air.)

The National Association of Realtors has advised its members not to use unmanned aircraft to market properties until the FAA issues regulations, but the group signed on to a letter sent to the FAA in April, urging officials to come out with the new rules sooner rather than later.

The concern here is that this industry is starting to form itself, and the longer the FAA waits to

write the rules, the more difficult it's going to be to get the horse back in the barn," said Ben Gielow, general counsel for the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, an industry trade group, which organized the letter.

The FAA said it expects to publish the rules this year; the initial deadline was 2011. In the meantime, the agency has issued at least 12 cease-and-desist letters to people using drones for commercial purposes, said spokesman Les Dorr, who estimated that the press office spends 80 percent of its time fielding questions about unmanned aircraft.

"Think of the magnitude of the task. We are trying to write safety regulations for a very dynamic industry, and we have to write these regulations for unmanned aircraft that are going to be using the busiest and most complex airspace in the world," he said. "It has been a major challenge to

write safety regulations that will ensure the safety of people and property ... while not putting an undue regulatory burden on an emerging industry."

The FAA estimates that 7,500 unmanned commercial aircraft will be licensed to fly by 2018, but a market study by Gielow's group predicted sales of 160,000 units per year by 2020. Agriculture is expected to represent 80 percent of the sales, with real estate falling into a 10 percent "other category."

While some are forging ahead with the technology, uncertainty about the rules is holding back wider use, Gielow said.

"Until the FAA comes out with the rules and finalizes them, the industry will be grounded," he said.

In the Mid-Atlantic region, the number of drones used in real estate is small but growing. A March survey by the MRIS multiple listing service of 1,300 real estate professionals found that 1.3

percent had used drones to market listings and that 52 percent did not plan to do so in the next 12 months.

About 13 percent said they expect to do so in the next 12 months, while 35 percent were unsure of their plans.

Andrew Strauch, MRIS vice president of product innovation and marketing, said he is not personally familiar with agents using drones but has seen them employed for listings on the West Coast. He said it could make buying and selling more efficient.

"We're visual people. The more you enable an understanding of what the house experience is like, the more time both the listing agent and the seller will save, because they'll only be showing the listing to people who are truly interested," he said. "It's definitely a hot topic."

The technology is most useful when marketing large estates, which benefit from the context of a bird's-eye view of the grounds,

said Ron Howard, who leads the Ron Howard & Associates Fells Point office of Re/Max Preferred and sought out the drone photography firm Elevated Element when he was marketing a Baltimore County home in 2012.

It was a cheaper alternative to a plane and allowed closer shots, he said. For city listings, which make up most of his business, images found on Google suffice.

"I don't think you're going to see a lot of city agents using drones," he said. "If we were out in the county with multiple-acre estates we would be using it all day long."

Elevated Element offers real estate photo packages starting at \$199. Hiring a photographer and a plane can cost about \$350.

Elevated Element co-founder Terry Kilby said the company expects contracts from real estate agents, as well as the number of commercial developers interested in tracking a project over time, to grow as the rules become clear.



KENNETH K. LAM, BALTIMORE SUN/MCT

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Educational assistant Stacey Beswick works with Zach Whitworth, 7, at Forest North Elementary School in Austin, Texas. Zach's mother, Abby Whitworth, founded Zach's Voice, an organization that donates iPads to autistic children in Central Texas with communication deficiencies, like Zach.

More than just fun and games

iPads give children with autism a voice

By LUCIA BENAVIDES

Austin (Texas) American-Statesman

Jaime Morin, 9, was diagnosed with autism at age 2 and has been nonverbal his whole life. When the therapy he was receiving at school became insufficient, his mother, Lupe Santander, sent him to Big Sky Pediatric Therapy in Austin, Texas, where he went for speech and occupational therapy once a week. It was there that they heard of Zach's Voice, a nonprofit group that provides iPads to autistic children with communication deficiencies.

"He can say exactly what he wants with the iPad," Santander says. "When he first figured it out, the look on his face was priceless. We could finally understand him, we didn't have to say 'Yes' or 'No' when he pointed to things."

With nonverbal autistic children, the thoughts occupying their heads are unable to come out — that's where the iPad comes in. Through the application of their choice, the children can form sentences by putting together words, which come in the form of buttons and a picture to match the word. Then, they play it back for others to hear. The iPad becomes their voice.

"It facilitates their understanding of the world around them," says Danielle Skala, functional communication classroom teacher at Forest North Elementary in Austin.



Zach's Voice works with speech-language therapists at different schools to find families who would benefit from the program.

Zach's Voice became an official organization last May. Their mission is to provide iPads to children ages 3 to 21 with autism spectrum disorder who have communication disabilities. They take iPad donations from the community, as well as money donations to use toward buying refurbished iPads.

Zach's Voice was founded by Abby Whitworth, who named the organization after her 7-year-old son. Whitworth was inspired by Zach's initial interaction with the iPad. Prior to the Apple product, he used DynaVox, a heavy device that was hard to program, Whitworth said. Besides being clunky, it also drew attention to him. With an iPad, however, he blends in.

"They're the coolest kids in school," Skala says. "The iPad gives them a social status."

A particular incident at the grocery store prompted Whitworth to spread the positive ef-

fects of the iPad to other families with nonverbal kids in the community. While shopping, she saw an autistic child walking around with note cards, which he used to communicate. The number of words available through this approach, however, is limited.

"The iPad lets kids use all the words they want," Whitworth says. "It's an unlimited amount of options, as opposed to what you get with handwritten note cards."

The application recommended by Zach's Voice is Proloquo2Go (\$219.99 at the iTunes store). The organization provides its recipients with a gift card that covers the cost of whatever app they decide to download.

Proloquo2Go lets its users add words to the program, such as family members' names and their favorite cartoon characters. Adding a button is instantaneous, and kids can customize them by taking a picture of the word they add.

"The kids start off using the app to communicate about the things they love," Whitworth says. "It's rewarding and motivates them to use the program."

The iPad can do more than just help children with autism communicate; sometimes it can facilitate them to talk.

According to a study done by Ann Kaiser, researcher at Vanderbilt Peabody College of Education and Human Development in Tennessee, children with autism who are minimally verbal can "learn to speak later than previously thought, and iPads are playing an increasing role in making that happen." The speech-generating devices can encourage children ages 5 to 8 to develop speaking skills, Kaiser wrote.

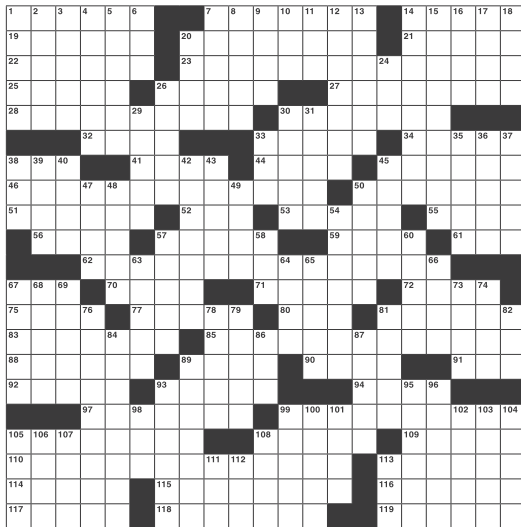
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69 Engine booster	84 Relatives of turtles	99 Wedding sight	106 "Star Wars" furball
73 Tropicana Field team	86 Neon frame?	100 Fancy wheels, familiarly	107 Others, to Ovid
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GUNSTON STREET



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RESULTS FOR ABOVE PUZZLE

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GADGETS & CHARTS

Good old days?

Software can show us what aging has in store

By ERIK LACITES
The Seattle Times

Let's assume you are, oh, 25 years old. Wrinkle-free, bag-free, sag-free. Would you want to see a pretty realistic image of what you'll look like at age 70?

A little hesitation?

In a couple of months you'll be able to do just do that.

Just upload a photo of you, at any age — 2, 10, 25 — into a free program created at the University of Washington's Computer Science & Engineering department.

In about a minute, you'll see the old you. If you dare. Or put in a photo of anyone.

Certainly, it worked quite well when we tested it with photos of former President Clinton as a kid, and compared what the program said he'd look like now with a real photo of the older Clinton.

We also asked the program to age a number of others — from Miley Cyrus to Russell Wilson to Maclemore — to show them in their 60s. It showed us what Jimi Hendrix and Kurt Cobain would have looked like had they lived, to 71 and 47 this year, respectively.

No wonder so many plastic surgeons get rich. But, it turns out that the main researcher who put together this age-progression software has not run her own photo.

"I didn't do that, no," says Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, an assistant professor who helped create the program.

She's 33. It just wasn't something that interested her, she says.

Not an unexpected reaction, according to pioneering research by Tony Greenwald, a psychology professor at the University of Washington. He's part of a team that has done unrelated research about how we react to a photo of an old face, versus a photo of a young face.

"We react more negatively to elderly faces. It makes it clear that being old is not a pleasant thing. Why should we want to know what unpleasantness faces us?" he says.

Kemelmacher-Shlizerman says there will be real uses for the software, such as in helping find long-missing children who've now become adults.

Right now, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has four full-time forensic-imaging artists who do their best at depicting what a child missing at age 5 might look like at age 25. The center says it has more than 2,000 open, long-term missing cases.

Their artists use Photoshop, pictures of the child's parents and relatives, and "part science and part art" to create their images of the child at an older age, says a spokesman.

The center says it's eager to give the university's



ELLEN M. BANNER, THE SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, 33, is an assistant professor of Washington research who helped create the sophisticated software that estimates the aging process.

program, which is based on the science of imaging, a try.

In putting together the program, the researchers used photos they found online in which they could determine the age of the person — images from soccer-team photos and beauty competitions, for example.

Over two years, they came up with 40,000 photos. Then they divided the subjects by gender and 14 age groups, and put math to how our faces change over time.

They found that, over time, our faces simply get bigger. Our eyes get narrower. Lips get narrower. Noses get larger.

And, of course, our skin sags, we get wrinkles, and we get bags under our eyes.

The research paper goes into all the math involved, with references to "illumination subspace," "lighting-aware flow" and "aspect ratio progress."

Bottom line, the program works very well.

The researchers had people look at computer-generated images of somebody at an older age, versus real images of the person at that age. The participants basically couldn't tell them apart.

The program even works when the starting image is that of a baby, a much harder task because the face changes so much into adulthood.

In a couple of months, when the program is publicly available, probably on the school's site, it'll be a matter of do you or don't you want to know? Maybe run that photo of a girlfriend or boyfriend?

Says psychologist Greenwald, "When I got married, and you had asked me if I wanted to know what my wife would look like in 50 years, I probably would have said no."

GADGET WATCH

Garmin develops fitness tracker

By GREGG ELLMAN
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

My editor, a runner and busy mom of a 2-year-old, tested the Garmin Vivofit, a fitness tracker, for me. Here is her review after trying it out for 15 days:

I wore the Vivofit side-by-side with my year-old Fitbit Flex, which both work as pedometers to track your steps and also calculate calories burned by your efforts, based on information you input into an account profile. There are a couple of differences: One, the battery — the Flex is rechargeable, while the Vivofit takes two CR1632 batteries. Two, the Vivofit has a screen to display information, while the Flex has five lights to indicate your day's achievements. Both fitness trackers have similar band closures — and both are equally likely to be accidentally knocked off.

Compared to the Fitbit, the Garmin seems a bit stingy on the steps. In the 12 days I was able to compare (thanks to the battery needing to be recharged on the Flex), the difference ranged from 2.1 percent to 13.8 percent. Neither is probably completely accurate.

Bottom line, I prefer the Vivofit not only because of the battery type, but because the screen shows you the information you want to know with a quick scroll using the surface button. Syncing is as easy as opening the app, holding the button on the device until "sync" appears and letting it do its thing. Garmin confirmed that any firmware updates will be sent automatically to the device while syncing. Also, if you already own an ANT+ heart rate monitor, you can pair it with this device (though I didn't try).

Online: garmin.com; \$130 for just the Vivofit, or \$170 for the tracker and a heart rate monitor

The Kenu Highline is a case and leash system to keep your iPhone 5/5s attached to you at all times, preventing it from being left behind, stolen or accidentally dropped.

One end of the braided Kevlar-reinforced elastic coil can attach to a belt loop, for example, and stretches more than an arm's length, up to 36 inches. Taking photos or talking on the phone won't be a problem. The other end attaches to the snap-on case, a proprietary Lightning tip lock system that goes into the iPhone's lightning port and locks into a tiny leash connector at the bottom of the back of the case.

The case itself is made of polycarbonate and has a protective rim. The Highline is a complete system; the leash cannot be used independently with other cases. Online: kenu.com, \$34.95

The ECOXGEAR Ecoterra Boombox is the perfect summer sound system.

The waterproof Ecoterra floats on its own, without additional hardware, and can be temporarily submerged without interrupting play.

Just put your media player (most smartphones will fit) and whatever else you want — as long as it's relatively flat (keys, cash, etc.) — inside the waterproof compartment, which also protects the items from sand. (The compartment measures 5.2-by-4-by-0.75 inches.) To play your music, connect the 3.5mm audio jack to your media device, which pumps sound out of 3-inch forward-facing speakers.

It works off of AC on land or eight AA batteries on land, sea or air, which is good for about 25 hours of use. There also are multiple carabiner clips on the shell to attach it to almost anything, helping it stay in place.

It measures 7.5 inches tall by 14.5 inches wide and is 5 inches deep. It weighs in at just a pound, so if you want that '80s feeling of carrying it around on your shoulder, go for it.

Online: ecogear.com, \$149.99



ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for May 28:

1. "Good Girls," 5 Seconds of Summer
2. "Problem," Ariana Grande (feat. Iggy Azalea)
3. "Fancy," Iggy Azalea (feat. Charli XCX)
4. "Am I Wrong," Nico & Vinz
5. "Rude," MAGIC!
6. "Wiggle," Jason Derulo (feat. Snoop Dogg)
7. "All About," John Legend
8. "Turn Down for What," DJ Snake & Lil Jon
9. "Happy" (from "Despicable Me 2"), Pharrell Williams
10. "Summer," Calvin Harris

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify from May 19-25:

1. Iggy Azalea, "Fancy"
2. Ariana Grande, "Problem"
3. Calvin Harris, "Summer"
4. John Legend, "All of Me"
5. DJ Snake & Lil Jon, "Turn Down for What"
6. Disclosure, "Latch"
7. Katy Perry, "Dark Horse"
8. Jason Derulo, "Talk Dirty" — feat. 2 Chainz
9. Am I Wrong, "Nico & Vinz"
10. Bastille, "Pompeii"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for May 28:

1. "The Monuments Men"
2. "The LEGO Movie"
3. "Lone Survivor"
4. "Non-Stop"
5. "3 Days to Kill"
6. "All Is Lost"
7. "Her"
8. "Frozen"
9. "Endless Love"
10. "The Wolf of Wall Street"



— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer magazine rank the top 10 iOS games for May:

1. "Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft," Blizzard
2. "FTL: Faster Than Light," Subset Games
3. "Monument Valley," Ustwo
4. "The Walking Dead Season 2 Episode 3 — In Harm's Way," Telltale Games
5. "Kero Blaster," Studio Pixel
6. "Thomas Was Alone," Bossa Studios
7. "Botanicula," Amanita Design
8. "Hitman Go," Square Enix
9. "Trials Frontier," Redlynx
10. "Republique Episode 2 — Metamorphosis," Camofaj

— Compiled by MCT

APPS

Top 5 new free apps for May 28:

ANDROID

1. 11 Ballz
2. Maleficent Free Fall
3. Elements: Epic Hero
4. PEPI Skate 3D
5. Soul Guardians: Age of Midgard

Top 5 free apps for May 28:

APPLE

1. Dragons: Rise of Berk
2. F1 Race Stars
3. Microsoft Word for iPad
4. FIFA 14 by EA Sports
5. Watch Dogs Companion: iOS Mobile

— Compiled by MCT

MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS

John Fullbright

Songs (Blue Dirt/Thirty Tigers)

The 12 songs on John Fullbright's "Songs" are so sturdy they need little adornment, and many are performed solo on piano or guitar, which makes them easy to underestimate.

That would be a mistake. These songs capture the world through the eyes of a 26-year-old, with all of its complicated contradictions. As such they're modest and ambitious, bold and shy, intimate and grand. They're conversational, confessional and confident, free of frills and full of good advice. As a bonus, one of them rhymes "Fauntleroy" with "La-Z-Boy."

These songs have been performed in coffeehouses and at festivals, on a cruise ship and at the Grammys pre-show, where Fullbright's studio debut competed against Mumford & Sons, Bonnie Raitt and others. Their descendants date to the 1970s, when singer-songwriters ruled the pop charts, and also the 1930s, when timeless tunes came from an Oklahoma troubadour



named Woody Guthrie.

The singer here is another Oklahoma troubadour, and his topics include the price of love, the need for hope, the hazards of farm tractors and much more. His songs are sad and serious and wise and wonderful, well written, well played and well sung. Well done.

— Steven Wine
The Associated Press

**Natalie Merchant**

Natalie Merchant (Nonesuch)

Natalie Merchant has never been one to pull punches.

From her start singing deceptively jovial-sounding tunes about tough topics like child abuse and air pollution with seminal 1980s alternative rock band 10,000 Maniacs through her 21 years as a solo artist, Merchant has made her mark as an unflinchingly honest artist.

That fearlessness continues on the self-titled and self-produced "Natalie Merchant," her first collection of entirely original songs in 13 years.

On the haunting "Giving Up Everything," Merchant sings about mercy-killing her craving, giving up her "cursed search for meaning." Think of it as her version of John Lennon's "God."

With her distinctive voice still in strong form as she enters her 50s, together with the lush backing of strings, piano, organ and the occasional woodwinds, Merchant creates a rich musical tapestry that transcends the typical vagary of pop music.

— Scott Bauer
The Associated Press

**Phillip Phillips**

Behind the Light (19/Interscope)

Phillip Phillips takes a giant leap forward on his sophomore album, "Behind the Light." Phillips hasn't abandoned the formula that landed him the smash hit "Home" and made him "American Idol's" biggest success since Carrie Underwood. His updating of Dave Matthews-like musicianship and rock crooning combined with Mumford & Sons' driving, thump-oriented folk is as winning as ever. The first single, "Raging Fire," shows how he's mastered that combination, as do a string of radio-friendly anthems such as "Midnight Sun" and "Alive Again Me." But it's the bluesier, more experimental numbers such as "Thicket" and "Trigger" where "Behind the Light" really starts to shine.

— Glenn Gamboa
Newsday

**Neil Young**

A Letter Home (Reprise)

Neil Young's sporadic concept records aren't for everyone. "A Letter Home" should be.

While still an esoteric venture — Young recorded it in a refurbished 1947 Voice-O-Graph — the songs he chose are familiar ones, making this more accessible than previous out in left-field Young releases.

Among the songs: Bob Dylan's "Girl From the North Country," Bruce Springsteen's "My Home Town," Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" and "Crazy," and Gordon Lightfoot's "Early Morning Rain." They are a reflection of Young's roots and musical backbone, made more clear by the heartfelt, intimate delivery.

Young, 68, was captivated by the Voice-O-Graph that Jack White restored and made available at his recording studio in Nashville. Typically used by amateurs to record one song at a time, which is immediately laid down on vinyl, Young decided to cram himself into the phone booth-sized contraption and record an entire record.

The songs sound like they came from another age — complete with scratches, pops and imperfections usually only heard on old vinyl records.

It's clear these songs are a part of Young's musical DNA, and it's almost as if the listener is being invited into his living room for a private concert.

— Scott Bauer
The Associated Press

**Conor Oberst**

Upside Down Mountain (Nonesuch)

Bright Eyes frontman Conor Oberst's "Upside Down Mountain" doesn't take too many chances and, while I'm usually all for evolution, this is a good thing for Conor Oberst. He's seemed a little off course lately — and revisiting the past is never a bad choice when searching for answers. Especially when it feels like such an effortless transition.

— Scott Recker
PopMatters.com



Independent News for U.S. Military the Community

*Whenever They Fight
and Wherever They Live*



The first Stars and Stripes was produced by Union soldiers during the Civil War. In 1861, using the facilities of a captured newspaper office in Bloomfield, Mo., they ran off a one-page paper.

Stars and Stripes was revived during World War I. Our first edition appeared in Paris on February 8, 1918. Produced weekly by an all-military staff, the paper served the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), under General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

The newspaper ceased printing at the war's end, only to enjoy a second renaissance. Starting on April 18, 1942, a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (two English pence or about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first edition of Stars and Stripes published during World War II featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who said that Stripes had been a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes also found a special champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States. Eisenhower enforced a

hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published as many as 32 separate editions, with page counts running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had up to 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

In the years that followed World War II, Stripes reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field. Throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Stars and Stripes published the news. The paper was there in the 1990s during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Provide Comfort and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

As the "hometown newspaper" for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific, Stars and Stripes offers the same types of national and world news, sports and opinion columns found in newspapers in the United States.

Stripes.com coverage ranges from breaking military news reported from bases around the world to local DODDS high school sports. The paper is also available online in PDF format.

Stars and Stripes is available for iPhone and Android smartphones and a Tablet Edition is available for the Apple iPad.

Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where the editions are transmitted to printing facilities in Spain, Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, South Korea, Guam, Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, and Djibouti.

Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (in Okinawa, Guam, Kanto Plain and Korea) designed to serve the needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world launched in 2008 to serve servicemembers who have returned from overseas tours. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

2013 National Headline Awards –
Second Place: News Series
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;
A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign –
Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year –
Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –
Breaking News Photography (Newspaper
Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated
Website/National Magazine)
Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those
I love I will sacrifice"

**2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary
Award for Excellence in Journalism –**
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headliner Awards –
First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –
Third Place: News Series
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –
George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III
and Kevin Baron

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards –
Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009;
Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

2006 NAA ACME Award of Excellence –
Youth Oriented Ad Series/Campaign:
Stripes GAMER;
Entertainment Promotions: Tales from the Crib

2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Steve Liever
Photography: Terry Boyd

**2004 American Legion Excellence
in Journalism Award –**
Ground Truth Series

**2003 Scripps Howard Foundation
National Journalism Award –**
First Amendment, Finalist

STARS AND STRIPES

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Google taking European censor requests

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google is accepting requests from Europeans who want to erase unfavorable information from the results produced by the world's dominant search engine.

The demands can be submitted on a Web page that Google opened late Thursday in response to a landmark ruling issued two weeks ago by Europe's highest court.

More than 12,000 requests to remove personal data were submitted within the first 24 hours after Google posted the forms, according to the company. At one point Friday, Google was getting 20 requests per minute.

Under the recent court decision, Europeans can now polish their online reputations by petitioning Google and other search engines to remove potentially damaging links to newspaper articles and other websites with

embarrassing information about their past activities.

Google now finds itself in the prickly position of having to balance privacy concerns and "the right to be forgotten" against the principles of free expression and "the right to know."

It will also create a divide between how Google generates search results about some people in Europe and the rest of the world. For now at least, Google will only scrub personal information spanning a 32-nation swath in Europe. That means Googling the same person in the United States and dozens of other countries could look much different than it does from Europe.

Although the court ruling only applied to 28 countries in the European Union, Google is extending the "right to be forgotten" to four other countries — Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. More than 500 million people live in the area affected by Google's potential purge of per-

sonal information from its European search results.

It's unclear when the whitewashing will begin. So far, Google has only said it will happen soon.

First, though, the Mountain View, Calif., company is trying to establish some guidelines to steer its censorship decisions.

To do that, Google is setting up a seven-person advisory committee to navigate through the ethical shoals. The group includes Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt and David Drummond, the company's chief legal officer, as well as five outsiders. They are: Luciano Floridi, an information ethics philosopher at the Oxford Internet Institute; Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia's founder; Jose Luis Pi, former director of Spain's Data Protection Authority; Peggy Valk, a privacy rights activist and director of the University of Luxembourg law school; and Frank La Rue, a special United Nations representative specializing in free speech. Google will designate another

team of its employees to sift through the requests to remove personal information from search results and decide which have grievances that should be honored under the European court ruling.

Europe is one of the biggest markets for the online ads that generate most of Google's revenue. But implementing the "right to be forgotten" isn't expected to drive traffic away from Google because its major rivals must also abide by the new rules in Europe.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 1)	\$1.3970
Dollar buys June 1	€0.7158
British pound June 1	\$1.72
Japanese yen June 1	¥99.00
South Korean won June 1	₩995.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6764
Canada (dollar)	1.0845
China (Yuan)	6.2475
Denmark (Krone)	4.7532
Egypt (Pound)	7.1257
Euro	\$1.3636/0.7334
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.5229
Hungary (Forint)	222.06
Israel (Shekel)	3.7598
Japan (Yen)	101.72
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	5.9734
Philippines (Peso)	43.83
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.475
Singapore (dollar)	1.2543
South Korea (Won)	1,021.36
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8940
Taiwan (dollar)	32.85
Turkey (Lira)	0.0069

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., Saudi Arabia (Riyal), Hong Kong (dollar), which with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollar-to-euro.)

MARKET WATCH

May 30, 2014

Dow Jones
Industrials 18.43
16,717.17

Nasdaq
composite -5.33
4,242.62

Standard &
Poor's 500 3.54
1,923.57

Russell
2000 -5.57
1,134.50

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.00
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.33

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	92	71	Pdly	Chattanooga	84	64	Cldy	Fort Wayne	86	67	Clr	Louisville	88	71	PCldy	Pocatello	72	49	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	81	65	Clr	Cheyenne	76	46	PCldy	Fresno	95	63	Clr	Lubbock	94	69	Clr	Portland, Maine	72	42	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	80	52	Clr	Chicago	89	69	Clr	Goodland	89	60	Clr	Macon	85	61	Rain	Portland, Ore.	73	49	PCldy
Albuquerque	92	62	Clr	Cincinnati	88	68	Clr	Grand Rapids	84	66	PCldy	Madison	84	68	Rain	Pueblo	94	50	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	78	52	Clr	Cleveland	82	64	Clr	Great Falls	67	44	Rain	Memphis	86	72	Rain	Raleigh-Durham	79	52	Clr
Amarillo	83	63	Clr	Colorado Springs	86	51	PCldy	Green Bay	81	63	Rain	Miami Beach	85	77	Rain	Rapid City	72	52	Rain
Anchorage	53	41	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	83	59	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	79	55	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	97	70	Clr	Reno	86	55	Clr
Asheville	76	54	Clr	Columbus, Ohio	87	68	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	79	55	PCldy	Mobile	86	64	Clr	Richmond	76	55	PCldy
Atlanta	81	62	Rain	Concord, N.H.	79	47	Clr	Hartford Springfield	76	52	Clr	Mpls-St Paul	81	66	Rain	Rio Rancho	76	58	PCldy
Atlantic City	74	50	Clr	Corpus Christi	89	72	Clr	Helena	70	45	Rain	Missoula	74	44	Cldy	Rochester	81	59	Clr
Austin	80	60	Clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth	87	73	Cldy	Honolulu	87	73	PCldy	Mobile	86	70	Rain	Rockford	68	48	Clr
Baltimore	76	55	Clr	Dayton	87	68	Clr	Houston	87	72	Cldy	Montgomery	86	67	Rain	Sacramento	92	55	Clr
Baton Rouge	86	70	Rain	Daytona Beach	84	72	Cldy	Huntsville	85	66	Rain	Nashville	87	68	Rain	St. Louis	87	71	Cldy
Bilings	80	47	Clr	Denver	84	53	Cldy	Indianapolis	85	70	Clr	New Orleans	85	74	Rain	St. Petersburg	89	75	Rain
Birmingham	83	68	Rain	Des Moines	86	69	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	87	68	Rain	New York City	79	58	Clr	St. Thomas	87	79	PCldy
Bismarck	76	55	Rain	Detroit	84	65	PCldy	Jacksonville	84	69	Clr	Newark	79	58	Clr	Salem, Ore.	81	60	Clr
Boise	77	51	Clr	Duluth	74	54	Rain	Janeau	58	45	Clr	Norfolk, Va.	70	57	Clr	Salt Lake City	78	53	Clr
Boston	71	55	Clr	El Paso	102	77	Clr	Kansas City	86	68	PCldy	North Platte	86	57	Clr	San Angelo	94	69	PCldy
Burlington	88	74	PCldy	Elkins	78	60	PCldy	Knoxville	84	62	PCldy	Okla. City	87	70	Clr	San Antonio	81	62	Clr
Brownsville	89	75	PCldy	Erie	80	60	Clr	La Crosse	85	71	Rain	Olando	89	71	Clr	San Diego	74	64	PCldy
Buffalo	80	60	Clr	Eugene	76	49	PCldy	La Crosse	85	71	Rain	Olando	89	71	Clr	San Francisco	71	54	PCldy
Burlington	77	43	PCldy	Fairbanks	68	49	Clr	Las Vegas	98	74	Clr	Paduach	86	68	Clr	San Jose	79	53	Clr
Caribou, Maine	75	55	PCldy	Fargo	77	60	Rain	Lincoln	89	67	Cldy	Philadelphia	78	56	Clr	Santa Fe	89	52	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	82	61	Clr	Flagstaff	79	44	Clr	Little Rock	86	69	Cldy	Phoenix	88	68	PCldy	St. Louis	89	75	Clr
Charlotte, N.C.	85	63	PCldy	Fort Smith	86	70	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	62	PCldy	Pittsburgh	81	61	Clr	Seattle	74	55	Clr
Chicago	81	58	PCldy													Shreveport	85	69	Cldy

National temperature extremes
Hi: Fr., 113, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Fr., 21, Stanley, Idaho

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College softball

World Series

At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City
Double Elimination: x-if necessary
Thursday, May 29
 Florida 13, Baylor 10, innings Oregon 3, Florida State 0
 Kentucky 4, Louisiana-Lafayette 1
 Alabama 6, Oklahoma 2
Friday, May 30
 Florida 4, Oregon 0
 Alabama 2, Kentucky 0
Saturday, May 31
Game 7 — Baylor (47-15) vs. Florida State (55-8)
Game 8 — Louisiana-Lafayette (49-9) vs. Oklahoma (50-11)
Game 9 — Oregon (55-8) vs. Game 7 winner
Game 10 — Kentucky (49-15) vs. Game 8 winner
Sunday, June 1
Game 11 — Florida (52-12) vs. Game 9 winner
Game 12 — Alabama (52-11) vs. Game 10 winner
Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 loser
Game 14 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 loser

Championship Series (Best-of-three)
Monday, June 2 Team TBD
Tuesday, June 3 Team TBD
Wednesday, June 4 Team TBD

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
	W	L	Pct GB
Chicago	2	1	.833 0
Indiana	2	0	1.000 0
Washington	2	0	.750 1 1/2
Atlanta	1	0	.500 2 1/2
Connecticut	2	2	.400 2 1/2
Minnesota	1	2	.333 3 1/2
Phoenix	3	1	.750 2
Los Angeles	3	1	.667 2 1/2
San Antonio	3	1	.667 2 1/2
Seattle	1	5	.167 5
Portland	1	5	.200 5

Thursday's games
 Washington 88, New York 70
 Atlanta 90, Connecticut 82
Friday's games
 Washington 88, San Antonio 72
 Chicago 103, Connecticut 82
Saturday's games
 Phoenix 100, Tulsa 78
Sunday's games
 New York at Indiana
 Atlanta at Connecticut
 Los Angeles at Washington
 Minnesota at San Antonio
 Tulsa at Seattle

Pro football

1925 — Lou Gehrig bats for Pee Wee Wanninger in the eighth inning and records his fourth hit to start his streak of 13-0 consecutive games.
1946 — Assault, ridden by Warren Matthews, wins the Belmont Stakes to become the seventh horse to capture the Triple Crown.
1975 — Nolan Ryan of the California Angels has his fourth no-hitter, beating Sandy Koufax's record, beating the Baltimore Orioles 4-0.
1984 — Kathy Whitworth wins the LPGA tournament by one stroke over Patty Sheehan.
1986 — Pat Bradley wins the LPGA tournament and becomes the first to win all four major women's tournaments, beating Patty Sheehan by one stroke.
1990 — Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup for the second straight year, beating the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 for a four-game sweep.
1996 — The LSU women's team win their 10th consecutive NCAA track team title with 11 victories, the longest victory string in college sports.
2002 — Detroit advances to the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 7-0 win over Colorado in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals, Colorado becomes the first NHL team to play in four consecutive games, Detroit goalie Dominik Hasek sets an NHL record by recording his fifth shutout in Game 7.
2004 — Detroit and Indiana combine for just 60 first-half points in the Pistons' 96-63 victory, breaking the NBA playoff record of 62 set by the Pistons and Nets during the second round.

College baseball

NCAA Division I tournament

Double Elimination: x-if necessary
At Devonport Field
Charlotteville, Va.
Friday, May 30
 Virginia 10, Bucknell 1
 Arkansas 3, Liberty 2
Game 3 — Bucknell (30-20-1) vs. Liberty (41-17)
Game 4 — Virginia (45-13) vs. Arkansas (39-23)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Carolina Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
Friday, May 30
 Maryland 9, Old Dominion 3
 South Carolina 5, Campbell 2
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Old Dominion (36-25) vs. Campbell (40-20)
Game 4 — Maryland (37-21) vs. South Carolina (43-16)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Friday, May 30
 Long Beach 9, Florida 2
 College of Charleston 3, Florida 2
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — North Carolina (34-26) vs. Florida (42-10)
Game 4 — Long Beach State (34-24) vs. College of Charleston (42-17)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field
Corral Gables, Fla.
Friday, May 30
 Miami Tech 3, Columbia 2
 Texas 1, Bethune-Cookman 0
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Columbia (29-19) vs. Bethune-Cookman (25-21)
Game 4 — Texas Tech (41-18) vs. Miami (42-17)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday, May 30
 Kansas State 1, Alabama 0
 Georgia Southern 7, Florida State 0
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Alabama (34-23) vs. Florida State (43-16)
Game 4 — Kansas State (38-21) vs. Georgia Southern (40-21)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Jim Patterson Stadium
Louisville, Ky.
Friday, May 30
 Kansas 10, Kentucky 6
 Louisville 10, Kentucky 5
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Kentucky (35-23) vs. Kent State (36-22)
Game 4 — Kansas (35-24) vs. Louisville (46-15)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Bart Kaufman Field
Bloomington, Ind.
Friday, May 30
 Stanford 9, Indiana State 1
 Indiana 10, West Virginia 2
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Indiana (35-17) vs. West Virginia (36-22)
Game 4 — Stanford (31-23) vs. Indiana (46-15)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, May 30
 Vanderbilt 9, Oregon 11
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Vanderbilt (34-10) vs. Xavier (29-28)
Game 4 — Oregon (43-18) vs. Vanderbilt (42-18)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner

At Swayze Field
Oxford, Miss.
Friday, May 30
Game 1 — Georgia Tech (36-25) vs. Washington (39-11)
Game 2 — Mississippi (41-18) vs. Jacksonville State (36-11)
Sunday, June 1
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 loser
Monday, June 2
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, May 30
 LSU 5, South Carolina 4
 Houston 3, Bryant 2, 10 innings
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Southeastern Louisiana (37-24) vs. Bryant (42-13)
Game 4 — LSU (45-14) vs. Houston (45-15)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At M.L.L. "Tiger" Moore Field
Stilwell, Okla.
Friday, May 30
 Mississippi Valley 9, Oklahoma State 2
 Jackson State 1, Louisiana-Lafayette 0
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — San Diego State (42-20) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (53-8)
Game 4 — Mississippi Valley (38-22) vs. Jackson State (32-23)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Allie P. Reynolds Stadium
Stillwater, Okla.
Friday, May 30
 Cal State Fullerton 6, Oklahoma State 1
 Oklahoma State 8, Birmingham 0
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Nebraska (40-20) vs. Birmingham (25-26)
Game 4 — State Fullerton (33-22) vs. Oklahoma State (46-16)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Charlie and Marie Lupton Stadium
Fort Worth, Texas
Friday, May 30
 Sam Houston 10, Baylor 10
 TCU 2, Siena 1, 11 innings
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Dallas Baptist (20-21) vs. Siena (26-32)
Game 4 — Sam Houston State (42-17) vs. TCU (43-15)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Reckling Park
Friday, May 30
 Texas 8, Texas A&M (33-25) vs. Rice 7, George Mason 2
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Texas A&M (33-25) vs. Rice 7, George Mason (34-21)
Game 4 — Texas (39-18) vs. Rice (42-18)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
At Baggett Stadium
San Jose, Calif.
Friday, May 30
 Pepperdine 3, Arizona State 2
 Cal Poly 4, Sacramento State 1
Saturday, May 31
Game 3 — Arizona State (33-23) vs. Sacramento State (39-23)
Game 4 — Pepperdine (40-16) vs. Cal Poly (46-10)
Sunday, June 1
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Monday, June 2
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner

Auto racing

FeEx 400 lineup

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
After Friday qualifying: race Sunday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile
(Car number in parentheses)
 1. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 164.444 mph.
 2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 163.785.
 3. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 163.688.
 4. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 163.362.
 5. (14) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 163.038.
 6. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 163.066.
 7. (31) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 163.066.
 8. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 162.498.
 9. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 162.411.
 10. (18) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 162.243.
 11. (47) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 162.156.
 12. (10) Greg Biffle, Ford, 160.995.
 13. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 162.933.
 14. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 162.903.
 15. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 162.889.
 16. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 162.844.
 17. (5) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 162.698.
 18. (60) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 162.600.
 19. (14) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 162.598.
 20. (10) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 162.592.
 21. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 162.536.
 22. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 162.522.
 23. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 162.518.
 24. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 162.009.
 25. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 162.009.
 26. (9) Almirola, Ford, 161.754.
 27. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 161.747.
 28. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 161.725.
 29. (60) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 161.623.
 30. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 161.573.
 31. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 160.887.
 32. (10) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 160.592.
 33. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 160.435.
 34. (34) Todd Parham, Chevrolet, 160.435.
 35. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 159.981.
 36. (40) Landon Cassady, Chevrolet, 159.924.
 37. (44) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, owner points.
 38. (65) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points.
 39. (77) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, owner points.
 40. (34) David Stretnie, Chevrolet, owner points.
 41. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, owner points.
 42. (77) Dave Blaney, Ford, owner points.
 43. (2) Blake Koch, Ford, owner points.

Lucas Oil 200

NASCAR Camping World Trucks
Friday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100s laps, 150 regular points, 440.85.
 2. (32) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 116, 43, 322.830.
 3. (6) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 200, 111.1, 41, 322.996.
 4. (20) Landon Jones, Toyota, 200, 86.6, 41, 317.995.

Pro soccer

MLS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	7	3	2	23	21	14
Portland	6	3	3	21	17	14
D.C.	5	7	2	17	16	24
Houston	4	5	7	17	16	24
Columbus	3	5	6	15	20	22
New York	3	5	6	15	20	22
Los Angeles	3	6	12	19	21	21
Philadelphia	3	6	12	19	21	21
Chicago	1	6	4	7	9	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	8	3	2	26	25	21
San Jose	6	4	6	18	19	16
Colorado	5	4	3	18	16	15
San Diego	4	5	3	15	16	15
Vancouver	4	2	5	17	18	14
Portland	4	5	3	15	16	15
Los Angeles	4	3	3	15	19	9
San Jose	4	3	3	15	13	22
Chicago	4	3	3	15	13	22

Notes: Three points for victory, one point for a draw.

Saturday's games
 Real Salt Lake at Seattle
 Columbus at Toronto FC
 New England at Montreal
 Sporting Kansas City at D.C. United
 San Jose at FC Dallas
 Philadelphia at Chicago
Sunday's games
 Los Angeles at Colorado
 Vancouver at Portland
 Seattle at San Jose
 Real Salt Lake at Columbus
 Chicago at Colorado
Friday's game
 Sporting Kansas City at Houston

5. (17) Joey Coulter, Chevrolet, 200, 96.1, 39, 180.020.
 6. (7) John Hunter Nemechek, Toyota, 200, 100.2, 38, 185.995.
 7. (14) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 200, 91.9, 37, 16.895.
 8. (5) Tyger Reddick, Ford, 199, 94.8, 36, 155.295.
 9. (4) German Quigley, Toyota, 199, 107.2, 34, 184.800.
 10. (3) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 198, 112.8, 33, 154.400.
 11. (8) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 198, 88.3, 33, 154.400.
 12. (14) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 198, 91.3, 32, 153.865.
 13. (26) Scott Riggs, Ford, 198, 71.1, 31, 133.765.
 14. (12) Gray Custer, Chevrolet, 197, 79.3, 30, 114.145.
 15. (20) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, 197, 61.7, 29, 113.895.
 16. (15) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, 195, 76.6, 28, 113.895.
 17. (27) Tyler Yury, Chevrolet, 194, 52.7, 27, 113.565.
 18. (12) Justin Burton, Toyota, 189, 60.1, 26, 113.265.
 19. (19) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ram, 180, 42.2, 24, 113.690.
 20. (12) Gray Gauding, Chevrolet, accident, 17, 56.7, 23, 112.965.
 21. (28) Ben Rhodes, Chevrolet, accident, 169, 69, 22, 112.965.
 22. (22) Matt Crafton, Toyota, accident, 114.4, 22, 112.965.
 23. (35) Ryan Siegel, Chevrolet, suspension, 136, 63.2, 110, 140.690.
 24. (21) Brian Sales, Chevrolet, engine, 127, 45.6, 19, 110.465.
 25. (24) Mason Minges, Toyota, 125, 37.1, 18, 110.215.
 26. (20) Jason Newberry, Chevrolet, accident, 44, 66.6, 17, 110.115.
 27. (22) Jason Newberry, Chevrolet, too slow, 55.5, 16, 110.015.
 28. (25) Jake Crum, Chevrolet, engine, 52.6, 14.3, 14, 110.200.
 29. (18) Jimmy Weller III, Chevrolet, engine, 44.3, 14, 110.200.
 30. (31) Raymond Terrazac Jr., Chevrolet, engine, 44.3, 14, 110.200.
 31. (31) Raymond Terrazac Jr., Chevrolet, engine, 44.3, 14, 110.200.
 32. (31) Charles Lewandowski, Chevrolet, electrical, 3.94, 12, 99.590.
 33. (34) Todd Parham, Chevrolet, overheating, 3.31, 11, 99.595.
 34. (4) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, vibration, 2.31, 10, 98.840.
 35. (4) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, vibration, 2.31, 10, 98.840.
 36. (4) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, vibration, 2.31, 10, 98.840.

Average Speed Statistics
Time of Race: 2 hours, 57 minutes, 12 seconds.
Time of Victory: 1:12.55 seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 38 laps.
Laps Led: 6 among 4 drivers.
 1. Kyle Busch, 17 laps; 2. Ryan Blaney, 1 time for 1 lap.
 3. Tony Stewart, 18 laps; 4. J. J. Yeley, 18 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. J. Peters, 185; 2. J. Johnson, 184; 3. J. Sauter, 184; 4. J. Townley, 159; 5. J. Burton, 153; 10. J. Coulter, 42.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula:
 A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
 The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green Flag, and Lap Most Laps, Lead Lap Finish.

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	6	2	1	19	15	6
Chicago	6	2	1	19	15	6
Kansas City	4	3	2	14	10	10
Washington	4	4	1	13	17	18
Portland	4	4	1	13	11	11
San Jose	2	4	4	10	10	15
Portland	1	7	1	4	8	19

Notes: Three points for a victory, one point for a draw.

Wednesday, May 28
 Boston 4, Portland 1
Thursday
 Houston at Western New York
 Seattle at San Jose
Friday
 Seattle at San Jose
Wednesday's games
 Western New York at Kansas City
 Washington at Chicago
Saturday, June 7
 Boston at KC Kansas City
 Western New York at Portland
 Chicago at Seattle
Sunday, June 8
 Houston at Seattle

SCOREBOARD/SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 24

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with 3B Ricardo Aranda and RHP Victor Ramirez on minor league contracts. Sent 3B Edgar Escalona to Norfolk (IL) for a rehab assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 1B Cavan Larosan on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Justin Loefer from Pawtucket (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Selected the contract of OF Enny Chavez from Tacoma (PCL). Options RHP Brandon Maurer to Tacoma. Transferred RHP Blake Beavan from 15- to 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Options INF Francisco to Durham (IL). Reinstated 2B Ben Zobrist from the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Options LHP Rob Rasmussen to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Bobby Koppeky from Bixby. Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Zagurski on a minor league contract.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Sloats on a minor league contract.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with catcher Wilson on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Options RHP Blake

Parker to Iowa (PCL). Placed RHP Hector Rondon on paternity leave. Reinstated C Travis d'Arnaud from the 15-day DL and LHP Wesley Wright from paternity leave.
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent 2B Rafael Furcal to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Options C Juan Centeno to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated C Travis d'Arnaud from the 7-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Options OF Shane Robinson to Memphis (PCL). Placed 1B Matt Adams on the 15-day DL. Recalled RF Randall Grichuk and OF Oscar Taveras from Memphis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed RHP Matt Cain on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 23. Recalled OF Juan Perez from Fresno (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brett Brach on a minor league contract. Sent 3B Ryan Zimmerman to Potomac (Carolina) for a rehab assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS — Named Brandon Malone, Bob Beyer and Charles Klask assistant coaches and Adam Glessner team scout.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Arizona LB Daryl Washington one year and N.Y. Giants S

Will Hill six games for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed 5 Terrence Brooks.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed DT Oghene Mwagbu on waivers/non-football-injury.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released DB Julian Pease.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed 5 Ha Ha Clinton-Jones.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Dante McDuffie.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Released QB Dante McDuffie. Claimed OL Rogers Gaines off waivers from Chicago.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DT Justin Elg and CB Keith McClain.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANNERS — Signed CB Quinton Porter. Released CB Marc Anthony.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBIAN BLUE JACKETS — Signed F Daniel Zarr to a three-year, entry-level contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Dalton Trutch to a three-year, entry-level contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHIVAS USA — Released D Lyle Mar-

Golf

The Memorial
PGA TOUR
Friday
At Muirfield Village Golf Club course
Dublin, Ohio
Purse: \$6.2 million
Yardage: 7,392 Par: 72
Second Round

Paul Casey 66-66-132 -12
 Bubba Watson 69-69-135 -9
 Chris Kirk 69-69-135 -9
 Hideki Matsuyama 69-69-137 -7
 Martin Flores 69-69-137 -7
 Justin Thomas 69-69-137 -7
 Hunter Mahan 68-70-138 -6
 Ryan Moore 67-71-138 -6
 Scott Langley 72-66-138 -6
 Camilo Villegas 71-68-139 -5
 Scott Brown 70-69-139 -5
 Brendon Todd 71-68-139 -5
 Gary Wadland 70-69-139 -5
 Adam Scott 69-70-139 -5
 Robert Stroh 71-68-139 -5
 Mark Leishman 71-68-139 -5
 Phil Haas 69-71-140 -4
 Nick Watney 73-67-140 -4
 Justin Hicks 69-71-140 -4
 Ben Curtis 69-71-140 -4
 Billy Horschel 71-69-140 -4
 Luke Donald 71-69-140 -4
 Jason Dufner 72-69-141 -3
 Jordan Spieth 73-68-141 -3
 Dustin Johnson 69-72-141 -3
 Rory McIlroy 67-73-141 -3
 Charley Hoffman 69-72-141 -3
 Andrew Svoboda 71-70-141 -3
 Pat Perez 73-68-141 -3
 Jim Furyk 72-69-141 -3
 Charl Schwartzel 73-70-141 -3
 Steve Stricker 69-72-141 -3
 Kevin Kisner 73-68-141 -3
 Justin Thomas 72-70-142 -2
 Robert Garrigus 72-70-142 -2
 J.B. Holmes 67-75-142 -1
 Phil Mickelson 73-69-142 -1
 Brendon de Jonge 74-68-142 -1
 Jason Alred 74-68-142 -1
 Chris Stroud 74-68-142 -1
 Kyle Stanley 74-68-142 -1
 Keegan Bradley 70-72-142 -1
 Ernie Els 71-71-142 -2
 Freddie Jacobson 71-71-142 -2

Shoptite Classic
LPGA TOUR
Friday
At Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, Bay Course
Galloway Township, N.J.
Purse: \$1.5 million
Yardage: 6,171 Par: 71
First Round

Jennifer Johnson 34-28-62 -9
 Christina Kim 33-31-64 -7
 Mary Jo Zande 33-31-64 -7
 Na Yeon Choi 33-33-66 -5
 Inbee Park 35-32-67 -4
 Chella Choi 35-32-67 -4
 Laura Diaz 35-32-67 -4
 Sandra Gal 36-31-67 -4
 Sarah Kemp 34-33-67 -4
 Jennifer Kim 34-33-67 -4
 Stacy Lewis 34-34-67 -4
 Brittany Lincicome 35-32-67 -4
 Gerina Pillier 35-32-67 -4
 Michelle Wie 36-32-68 -3
 Jodi Ewart Shadoff 37-35-68 -3
 Minah Hargraves 36-33-68 -3
 Nicki Harris 36-33-68 -3
 Haegi Kang 36-32-68 -3
 Stacy Keung 36-32-68 -3
 Lydia Ko 35-33-68 -3
 Mi Hyang Lee 36-32-68 -3
 Sydney Michaels 36-30-68 -3
 Paola Moreno 34-34-68 -3
 Jane Park 37-31-68 -3
 Caroline Westrup 36-32-68 -3
 Lindsey Wright 34-35-69 -2
 Dori Carter 36-33-69 -2
 Nicole Castrale 36-33-69 -2
 Moriya Iijunang 35-34-69 -2
 Kim Kaufman 35-34-69 -2
 Brittany Lincicome 37-32-69 -2
 Ilhee Lee 36-33-69 -2
 Giulia Molinaro 36-33-69 -2
 Becky Morano 36-33-69 -2
 Azahara Munoz 34-35-69 -2
 Anna Nordqvist 39-30-69 -2
 Reiley Rankin 36-35-69 -2
 Jennifer Rosales 35-34-69 -2
 Alena Sharp 35-34-69 -2
 Ashleigh Simon 36-33-69 -2
 Kelly Tan 36-33-69 -2
 Lexi Thompson 36-33-69 -2
 Amy Wesley 36-34-70 -1
 Amy Anderson 36-34-70 -1
 Chie Arimura 36-34-70 -1

Principal Charity Classic
Champions TOUR
Friday
At Wakodaka Club
Des Moines, Iowa
Purse: \$1.75 million
Yardage: 6,510 Par: 72
First Round

Mark Calacavich 34-32-66 -6
 Wes Short Jr. 34-32-66 -6
 Phil Campbell 34-32-66 -6
 Peter Senior 35-32-67 -5
 Steve Lowery 33-34-67 -4
 Doug Garwood 35-33-68 -4
 Scott Simpson 35-33-68 -4
 Laura Diaz 35-33-68 -4
 Tom Pernice Jr. 35-33-68 -4
 Michael Allen 34-34-68 -4
 Mark Meuland 35-33-68 -4
 Marco Dawson 35-33-68 -4
 Fred Coston 34-35-69 -3
 Wayne Lee 35-34-69 -3
 Rick Trevino 35-34-69 -3
 Joe Durant 35-34-69 -3
 Rocco Mediate 35-34-69 -3
 Jay Haas 35-34-69 -3
 Tom Lehman 35-34-69 -3
 Kirk Triplett 35-34-69 -3
 Tommy Armour III 35-34-69 -3
 Jeff Hart 35-35-70 -2
 Mike Goodes 35-35-70 -2
 Mike Reid 35-35-70 -2
 Fred Funk 36-34-70 -2
 David Frost 38-32-70 -2
 Loree Roberts 37-33-70 -2
 Hale Irwin 37-33-70 -2
 Sandy Lyle 36-34-70 -2
 Jeff Sluman 35-35-70 -2
 Duffy Waldorf 35-35-70 -2
 Tom Byrum 36-34-70 -2
 Tom Purtzer 36-34-70 -2
 Scott Dunlap 37-34-71 -1
 Blaine McMillister 34-37-71 -1
 Steve Jones 35-36-71 -1
 Ben Crenshaw 37-34-71 -1
 Gene Sauers 34-37-71 -1
 David Eger 35-36-71 -1
 Willie Wood 34-37-71 -1
 Bart Bryant 36-35-71 -1
 Ron Forman 36-35-71 -1
 Mark O'Meara 36-35-71 -1
 Roger Chapman 35-36-71 -1
 Gary Koch 36-35-71 -1
 Jose Coceres 37-34-71 -1

Briefly

Mickelson targets training probe

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Hall of Fame golfer Phil Mickelson said he is cooperating in an insider trading investigation involving him, activist investor Carl Icahn and Las Vegas gambler Billy Walters. The five-time major champion maintains he has done nothing wrong.

Mickelson's manager confirmed Saturday that the investigation was the same outlined in reports in several newspapers, including the Wall Street Journal. The newspapers report that federal investigators are looking into the trading patterns of Mickelson and Walters involving two stocks. The reports say the FBI and Securities and Exchange Commission are analyzing trades Mickelson and Walters made involving Clorox after the time Icahn was attempting to take over the company.

In other golf news: ■ Paul Casey expected to be chasing someone at the Memorial on Friday, figuring it would be Rory McIlroy.

After two holes, Casey had the lead to himself at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio. He went on to another 6-under 66 to build a three-shot lead over Masters champion Bubba Watson, with McIlroy falling nine shots behind.

Casey was at 12-under 132. McIlroy opened with a 63 but was 15 shots worse Friday.

■ Mark Calacavich and Wes Short Jr. shot 6-under 66 on Friday to share the first-round lead in the Champions Tour's Principal Charity Classic at Des Moines, Iowa.

Calacavich, third last year at the Wakodaka Club, had three

straight birdies on the back nine for his best start of the season. Short birdied the 18th hole to join Calacavich atop the leaderboard.

Doby Campbell, Peter Senior and Shane Lowery were a stroke back.

■ Jennifer Johnson matched the course record with a 9-under 62 on Friday to take the first-round lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic at Galloway Township, N.J.

The 22-year-old Johnson, the winner last year in Mobile, Ala., had 10 birdies — five straight on Nos. 9-13 — and a bogey at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

Haru Nomura had a bogey-free 63, and Christina Kim opened with a 64.

Work may be halted on Olympic golf course

RIO DE JANEIRO — Like other delayed venues for the beleaguered Rio 2016 Olympics, work on the golf course has fallen behind schedule.

But grass has been going down for several weeks at the course, which has created an upbeat mood as golf prepares to return to the Olympics after a 112-year absence.

That changed Saturday when Rio organizers confirmed that a state prosecutor could halt work on the course unless the developer shows it is following environmental regulations and other requirements under Brazilian law.

Rio 2016 spokesman Mario Anderson confirmed the inquiry on Saturday and said developers had been asked to provide documentation that would allow the work to continue.

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MICHEL SPICLER/AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Argentina's Leonardo Mayer during their third-round match Saturday at the French Open in Paris. Nadal won 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

Once again, Nadal streak reaches 31

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

PARIS — For the second time in his unparalleled French Open career, Rafael Nadal won a 31-match winning streak at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament.

Now he'll try to get to 32 for the first time.

The eight-time champion at Roland Garros equaled his longest run at Roland Garros with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 victory over 65th-ranked Leonardo Mayer of Argentina in the third round Saturday.

Afterward, Nadal thanked the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd in French for supporting him and told them "a lot of memories come through my mind" whenever he plays in that stadium.

The last time Nadal won 31 in a row in Paris, he failed to get to 32, losing in the fourth round in 2009 to Robin Soderling. That remains the Spaniard's only defeat in 63 matches at the tournament.

He has dropped only 19 games this year, heading into a match against 83rd-ranked Dusan Lajovic of Serbia, who is in only the second Grand Slam tournament of his career and beat Jack Sock of the United States 6-4, 7-5, 6-3. Another American, Donald Young, lost in five sets to Guillermo

Garcia-Lopez of Spain, leaving No. 10 John Isner as the last U.S. man in the field.

Earlier Saturday, No. 15 Sloane Stephens moved into the fourth round for the third consecutive time, getting her game in gear at a Grand Slam tournament, as usual.

The American now meets No. 4 Simona Halep of Romania. Neither has ever made it to the quarterfinals in Paris.

Stephens eliminated No. 22 Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-3, 6-4, while Halep beat 55th-ranked Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor of Spain 6-3, 6-0 as the sun came out and the temperature hit 70 degrees after several days of overcast skies and occasional rain.

At No. 4, Halep is the highest seeded woman left, because of losses by No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 2 Li Na and No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska.

"That's a surprise for everyone," said Halep, the runner-up on clay at Madrid three weeks ago.

Over the last two seasons, Stephens is 21-5 (an 808 winning percentage) in Grand Slam matches, but only 32-29 (.525) everywhere else.

In other action, 2009 French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova beat an error-prone Petra Kvitová 6-7 (3), 6-1, 9-7, while the 2008 title winner at Roland Gar-

French Open

Saturday
At Stade Roland Garros
Purse: \$34.12 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Andreas Seppi (32), Italy, 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Jack Sock, United States, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Martin Kilian, Slovakia, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-3, retired.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Fabio Fognini (14), Italy, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 9-6, 6-2.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Women
Third Round
Svetlana Kuznetsova (27), Russia, def. Petra Kvitová (5), Czech Republic, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 9-7.
Sloane Stephens (15), United States, def. Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Ana Ivanovic (11), Serbia, 6-3, 6-3.
Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Sorana Cristea (26), Romania, 6-1, 6-2.
Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Julia Glushko, Israel, 6-0, 6-1.
Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, def. Silvia Soler-Espinoza, Spain, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
Third Round
Maximo Gonzalez and Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Andre Begemann, Germany, and Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (12), Romania, 6-4, 7-5.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt (9), Sweden, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Marcelo Melo, Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (8), 6-4.
Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (12), Spain, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 6-2, 6-1.

Women
Second Round
Liesel Huber and Lisa Raymond (15), United States, def. Chan Yung-jan and Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2.
Kvetia Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (4), Slovenia, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Katarzyna Piter, Poland, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Sania Mirza (3), India, def. Gabriela Dobrowsky, Canada, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 6-1, 6-2.

Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua (7), Australia, def. Julia Cepelova, Slovakia, and Stefanie Vogele, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-2.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, and Michaela Kruckic, Netherlands, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Karina Knapp, Italy, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (6), United States, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Julie Coin and Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (3), Russia, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 6-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Madison Keys and Alison Riske, United States, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, walkover.

Mixed
Second Round
Alize Cornet and Jonathan Eysseric, France, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, 7-6 (10), 3-6, 11-9.
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Rohan Bopanna (2), India, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

Julia Glushko, Israel, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, def. Liekei Huber, United States, and Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, 6-0, 6-1.
Times Babos, Hungary, and Eric Butorac, United States, def. Sania Mirza, India, and Horia Tecau, Romania, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, and Santiago Gonzalez, Spain, def. Sara Errani, Italy, and Alexander Peya (1), Austria, 5-7, 6-3, 10-4.

ros, Ana Ivanovic, bowed out with a 6-3, 6-3 loss to 23rd-seeded Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic.

Caroline Wozniacki, the 2012 French Open runner-up, made only seven unforced errors in her 6-0, 6-1 victory over 98th-ranked Julia Glushko of Israel. Errani will face 2008 U.S. Open runner-up Jelena Jankovic, a 6-1, 6-2 winner against No. 26 Sorana Cristea of Romania.

The man Nadal beat in last year's final, fifth-seeded David Ferrer, defeated No. 32 Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-3. Ferrer now plays No. 19 Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

No. 23 Gael Monfils of France put together a 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 win over No. 14 Fabio Fognini of Italy in a wild match that included a point penalty for Fognini when he threw his racket and it landed near a ball boy. Monfils and Fognini combined for more than twice as many unforced errors, 137, as winners, 66.

Auto racing roundup

Busch still perfect in truck races

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Kyle Busch climbed out of his truck, bowed to the crowd, and sprayed beverages at his crew.

Busch has the familiar victory celebration down pat — a perfect end to what has been a perfect season.

Busch made it 4-for-4 in the Truck Series, dominating again to win at Dover International Speedway. He was again the class of the field on Friday and now has a checkered flag at Dover to go along with ones from Daytona, Kansas and Charlotte.

"I don't know that there's anything I can say that I'm doing that's allowing us to win those races," Busch said. "Just unload and expect to win races."

Cruising in the No. 51 Toyota, Busch led 150 of 200 laps on the mile track. Busch won from the pole for the third time, his lone blemish a seventh-place start at the season-opener at Daytona.

"I've enjoyed being able to run up front and lead laps," Busch said.

Busch won his fifth straight Truck Series race overall, taking the 2013 season finale at Homestead. He has 39 series victories.

"We're just trying to work on our stuff and make it faster," he said. "All that work is paying off this year."

Matt Crafton, the defending series champion, won the only other Truck race at Martinsville. He was running second when he smacked the Dover wall with about 43 laps left, ending his race. It was the first time he hadn't finished in 47 series starts.

Ryan Blaney was second, and Johnny Sauter, Brandon Jones and Joey Coulter round out the top five. Only seven trucks finished on the lead lap.

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series: Brad Keselowski is getting used to racing out front, turning a track-record lap of 164.44 mph to win the pole at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Keselowski won his second pole of the season Friday on the mile track and fifth of his career. He also has six starts from second this season, making him one of the top front-row performers in NASCAR.

"It's been a good year for qualifying," Keselowski said, "And I would say most years, that has not been the case."

Keselowski and his Team Penske teammate Joey Logano have figured out fast qualifying in their Fords. Kyle Busch starts second, and Logano, eight-time Dover winner Jimmie Johnson and rookie Kyle Larson round out the top five for Sunday's race.

Series points leader Jeff Gordon was sixth, followed by Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Brian Vickers and Clint Bowyer. Bowyer turned 35 on Friday.

With only 43 cars entered, every driver qualified for the 400-mile race.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was knocked out in the first round by less than a second by AJ Allmendinger as the session wound down. Other stars who failed to advance out of the first round included Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth, Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart. Danica Patrick also did not advance and starts 28th.

Keselowski has a win and five top 10s this season. His previous pole at Phoenix ended him a title-chase finish.

It was the eighth time this season a track record was set at qualifying.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League					Indians 5, Rockies 2					Braves 3, Marlins 2					Brewers 11, Cubs 5					Red Sox 3, Rays 2 (10)														
East Division					Central Division					West Division					East Division					Central Division					West Division									
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Baltimore	26	27	491	4 1/2	Chicago	28	28	500	5 1/2	Philadelphia	24	28	462	4	Milwaukee	22	30	426	10	Philadelphia	24	28	462	4	Milwaukee	22	30	426	10	Philadelphia	24	28	462	4
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Chicago	28	28	500	5 1/2	Pittsburgh	26	24	519	1 1/2	Los Angeles	26	27	491	2 1/2	Atlanta	29	25	537		Los Angeles	26	27	491	2 1/2	Atlanta	29	25	537		Los Angeles	26	27	491	2 1/2
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MLB

AL roundup

Red Sox outlast rival Rays in extra innings

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI triple in the bottom of the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox — on their fourth manager of the night following a string of ejections — beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 in the latest testy game between the teams.

Jonny Gomes scored the winning run. Fittingly, he reached base when he was hit by a pitch, a common theme that led to one bench-clearing scum and nearly as many ejections as runs on a wild night at Fenway Park.

Juan Carlos Oviedo (1-2) plunked Gomes with one out in the 10th and Pierzynski followed with a drive to the triangle in right-center.

The Red Sox rushed out of the dugout — for once not to possibly fight their AL East rivals — and celebrated their fifth straight win following a 10-game skid.

Astros 2, Orioles 1: Jonathan Villar broke an 0-for-26 slump with a go-ahead double in the seventh inning and Houston extended its winning streak to seven games with a victory over visiting Baltimore in the annual Major League Baseball Civil Rights game.

It is the first time Houston, loser of 100-plus games the last three seasons, has won seven straight since 2010.

The Astros wore the uniforms of the Houston Eagles and the Orioles donned the uniforms of the Baltimore Elite Giants of the Negro Leagues.

Athletics 9, Angels 5: Brandon Moss hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Josh Donaldson had two home runs and four RBIs in host Oakland's victory over Los Angeles.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Boston's A.J. Pierzynski is congratulated by teammates after his game-winning RBI triple in the bottom of the 10th inning off Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo at Fenway Park in Boston on Friday. The Red Sox defeated the Rays 3-2.

Coco Crisp had two hits and drove in a run for the A's, who have won three of five since a four-game losing streak. Moss left the game with right calf tightness.

Royals 6, Blue Jays 1: Alex Gordon and Lorenzo Cain homered to beat Jason Var-

gas as visiting Kansas City beat Toronto.

Cain went 3-for-4 and matched a career high with four RBIs. Gordon reached base three times to help the Royals hand Toronto its second consecutive loss following a season-best, nine-game winning streak.

Twins 6, Yankees 1: Ricky Nolasco pitched six effective innings, Oswaldo Arcia homered and threw out a runner at home plate, and Minnesota flexed some muscle in beating host New York.

Josh Willingham and Trevor Plouffe also connected against Vidal Nuno (1-2) for the Twins, winners for the second time in eight games.

Tigers 6, Mariners 3: Justin Verlander pitched into the eighth inning, and Victor Martinez and Miguel Cabrera hit two-out homers off Hisashi Iwakuma to lead Detroit past host Seattle.

Cabrera hit a two-run shot in the third off Iwakuma (3-2) to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead. Martinez connected two innings later for a three-run shot on the 10th pitch of the at-bat after Cabrera was intentionally walked.

Interleague

Indians 5, Rockies 2: Corey Kluber struck out 12 in 7 1/3 innings to extend his dominant pitching in May, and Asdrubal Cabrera broke a fifth-inning tie with a two-run homer to send host Cleveland over Colorado.

Kluber (6-3) gave up a two-run shot to Carlos Gonzalez in the fourth but recorded his third double-figure strikeout game this season. He ends the month 4-0 with a 2.09 ERA in six starts.

Padres 4, White Sox 1: Ian Kennedy struck out nine in six strong innings and Yonder Alonso hit a two-run homer to lead visiting San Diego past Chicago.

Cameron Maybin hit his first home run of the season and Alonso finished with three hits as the Padres ended Chicago's three-game winning streak.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Mets right fielder Chris Young cannot catch a hit by the Phillies' Marlon Byrd during the 14th inning of Saturday's game in Philadelphia. Byrd reached first base on the fielding error by Young. Philadelphia won 6-5 in 14 innings.

NL roundup

Brignac's RBI single lifts Phillies over Mets in 14th

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Reid Brignac's RBI single in the bottom of the 14th inning gave Philadelphia a 6-5 win over the New York Mets on Friday night.

Demonic Brown hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs for the Phillies, who snapped the Mets' six-game winning streak at Citizens Bank Park.

Marlon Byrd reached second base when right fielder Chris Young dropped his fly ball for an error leading off the 14th. Carlos Ruiz followed with a single to center off Jenrry Mejia (4-2). After pinch-hitter Cesar Hernandez was intentionally walked, Brignac drove an opposite-field shot that one-hopped the wall in left.

Justin De Fratus (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings to earn the win. Phillies starter A.J. Burnett had a season-high 11 strikeouts, but allowed five runs, five hits and six walks in seven innings.

Braves 3, Marlins 2: Julio Teheran pitched 7 1/3 innings and scored the tying run in the seventh as visiting Atlanta moved

a game ahead of Miami atop the NL East.

Pirates 2, Dodgers 1: Francisco Liriano outpitched Josh Beckett for his first win of the season, and Ike Davis homered for visiting Pittsburgh.

Beckett (3-2) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, five days after pitching the first no-hitter in the majors this season during a 6-0 win at Philadelphia. The 34-year-old right-hander was removed for a pinch-hitter after 88 pitches — he threw a career-high 128 in the first no-hitter by a Dodgers pitcher since 1996.

The Braves trailed 2-0 in the sixth inning but rallied to break a four-game losing streak. They won for only the third time in their past 13 road games.

Brewers 11, Cubs 5: Ryan Braun homered to highlight a five-run first inning for host Milwaukee.

Braun had three hits and three RBIs for Milwaukee, which has won 25 of its last 31 games against Chicago. Rickie Weeks and Martin Maldonado had three

hits and two RBIs each as the Brewers scored a season-high runs in its most lopsided victory of the year.

Giants 9, Cardinals 4: Madison Bumgarner struck out 10 in seven scoreless innings and Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer off Adam Wainwright for visiting San Francisco.

The Giants have won eight of nine and own the best record in the majors at 36-19.

Reds 6, Diamondbacks 4: At Phoenix, Arizona's Devin Mesoraco hit a grand slam off former Cincinnati teammate Bronson Arroyo.

Mesoraco also had a solo shot off reliever Evan Marshall in the ninth inning for the second two-homer game of his career.

Interleague

Nationals 9, Rangers 2: Ian Desmond keyed a 15-hit attack with a three-run homer and Stephen Strasburg pitched six solid innings for host Washington.

Jayson Werth and Denard Span had three hits each for Washington, which had lost six of seven.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Blackhawks force Game 7

Kane's tie-breaker wins game, sends series to Chicago

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Patrick Kane managed just one assist in the first four games of the Western Conference finals. The Los Angeles Kings took all time and space away from Chicago's goal-scoring star while pushing the Blackhawks to the brink of elimination.

Chicago is still alive because Kane was still determined to find open ice, such as the patch near the painted Stanley Cup logo at Staples Center where he scored the goal that sent this thrilling series to Game 7.

Kane set up Duncan Keith's tying goal with 8:26 left before scoring the winner with 3:45 to play, propelling the Blackhawks to a 4-3 victory over the Kings in Game 6 on Friday night.

Kane's career has been defined by his brilliance in the Blackhawks' biggest moments, and his tiebreaking goal will rank among the best. After barely touching the scoresheet early in the series, Kane has scored seven points in Chicago's consecutive dramatic victories, capped by his dangle for a seeing-eye goal past Jonathan Quick.

"I didn't see anything off the rush," Kane said. "I took it up the line and tried to get a shot through. I think (Andrew Shaw) was in front getting a great screen. Luckily, it went in."

The conference finals rematch between the NHL's last two champions will be decided in a winner-take-all Game 7 — the third of the postseason for the Kings, who are 6-0 in elimination games this spring. Chicago has won nine of its last 11 playoff elimination games heading home to the United Center on Sunday night.

The winner hosts the New York Rangers on Wednesday.

After trailing with less than nine minutes to play in Game 6, the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks avoided elimination for the second straight game in an already memo-



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Chicago right wing Patrick Kane, left, celebrates his tie-breaking goal against Los Angeles center Andrew Shaw during the third period of Game 6 of the Western Conference finals Friday in Los Angeles. Chicago won 4-3 to force a seventh game in the series.

orable playoff series between two NHL powers at the top of their games. Chicago is heading home with a chance to advance thanks to the forward who saves his best for the brightest lights.

"It's amazing what he can do in these big games when our season is on the line," Chicago captain Jonathan Toews said about Kane. "Nobody else seems to be able to do it the same way he does. It's pretty amazing."

Scoreboard

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Montreal 7, N.Y. Rangers 4
N.Y. Rangers 1, Montreal 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles 3, Chicago 3
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 3
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 2OT
Friday: Chicago 4, Los Angeles 3
Sunday at Chicago

Stanley Cup finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

Wednesday: N.Y. Rangers at Chicago or Los Angeles

Saturday, June 7: N.Y. Rangers at Chicago or Los Angeles

Monday, June 8: Chicago or Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers

Wednesday, June 11: Chicago or Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers

Friday, June 13: N.Y. Rangers at Chicago or Los Angeles

x-Monday, June 16: Chicago or Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers

x-Wednesday, June 18: N.Y. Rangers at Chicago or Los Angeles

Friday

Blackhawks 4, Kings 3

Chicago 1 0 2-4

Los Angeles 1 0 2-3

First Period—1, Los Angeles, King 2 (Stoll, Williams), 17:03.

Second Period—2, Chicago, Kane 7 (Toews, Seabrook), 1:12 (pp.), 3, Chicago, Smith 4 (Sharp, Seabrook), 2:49.

Third Period—4, Los Angeles, Doughty 4 (Brown, Richards), 5:32, 5, Los Angeles, Martinez 3 (Doughty), 7:38 (pp.), 6, Chicago, Keith 4 (Kane, Shaw), 11:54, 7, Chicago, Kane 8 (Saad, Hjalmarsson), 16:15.

Shots on Goal—Chicago 9-13-3-25.

Los Angeles 8-13-8-28.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 1 of 2; Los Angeles 1 of 2.

Goalsies—Chicago, Crawford 11-7-0 (29 shots-26 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 11-9-0 (25-21).

A—18,471 (38,118). T—2:30.

Playoff scoring leaders

Through May 30

	GP	G	A	Pts
Anze Kopitar, LA	20	5	18	23
Jeff Carter, LA	20	8	13	21
Marian Gaborik, LA	20	11	7	18
Patrick Kane, Chi	18	8	10	18
Jonathan Toews, Chi	18	8	8	16
Justin Williams, LA	20	6	10	16
Drew Doughty, LA	20	4	12	16
Ryan Getzlaf, An	12	4	11	15
Evgeni Malkin, Pitt	13	4	12	14
P.K. Subban, Mon	17	5	9	14
Brad Marchand, Bos	18	9	9	14
Zach Parise, Min	13	4	10	14
Brent Seabrook, Chi	15	3	11	14
Marian Hossa, Chi	18	2	12	14

Calendar

June 18 — Last possible day for Stanley Cup finals.

June 28 — NHL awards, Las Vegas.

July 27 — NHL draft, Philadelphia.

July 1 — Free agency begins.



RYAN REMORZIO, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist was chased from the net in Game 5 against Montreal, then returned to post a shutout in Game 6.

Rangers got better as season wore on

By IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eight months ago, first-year Rangers coach Alain Vigneault could never have imagined he would now be behind the bench for New York's first Stanley Cup finals appearance in 20 years.

The mere suggestion made him laugh Thursday night after the Rangers advanced with a 1-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"In October? I probably would have said, 'What are you smoking?'" he said. Thursday marked the one-year anniversary of New York's firing of blustery coach John Tortorella, who was dismissed after a second-round elimination. One year earlier, Tortorella led the Rangers to the conference finals, but they couldn't get past New Jersey.

Vigneault was hired last June after he was let go by Vancouver. He wasn't starting from scratch with the Rangers, but no

one predicted the heights he and his team have quickly achieved.

New York began this season with a nine-game road trip because of major renovations at Madison Square Garden. When the Rangers finally limped home, they were 3-6 and near the bottom of both the Metropolitan Division and the Eastern Conference.

"They got over .500 with a New Year's Eve victory at Florida and improved to a 45-31-6 record for a second-place divisional finish."

"We worked our way and improved how we played," said Vigneault, who coaches with a much calmer style than Tortorella. "Ever since we've gotten in, all the series have been so competitive and so hard-fought. We've gotten the goaltending we need and we've found ways to win."

That recipe has continued to fuel their run in the playoffs. Now they are in the finals for the 11th time and are seeking their fifth title.

The Rangers edged Philadelphia by two points in the division, which secured home-ice advantage in the first-round matchup between the clubs.

That was critical because after the Flyers stayed alive in Game 6 with a 5-2 win in which star goalie Henrik Lundqvist was chased from the net, the Rangers hosted Game 7 — and advanced with a tense 2-1 victory.

Lundqvist led the way then, carried them through the second round against Pittsburgh after the Rangers fell into a 3-1 hole, and punctuated New York's trip to the finals with his franchise-record-tying ninth playoff shutout when the Rangers knocked out Montreal.

That clincher also came after a clunker. Lundqvist was driven out in the second period of Game 5 of Montreal after allowing four goals in a 7-4 loss.

NBA



MARK LENIHAN/AP

Knicks president Phil Jackson said Friday that he has talked to Carmelo Anthony about not opting out of the final year of his contract and returning to the Knicks for another season.

Jackson to Anthony: Postpone free agency

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Phil Jackson lost out on his preferred coach, but he's working hard on keeping his star player.

The New York Knicks president said Friday he has talked to Carmelo Anthony about postponing free agency, and the All-Star forward responded that he'll think about it.

"I told him it might be a good idea to hang in there and see what it's like for a year, and go out the next year," Jackson said.

Anthony can opt out of the final year of his contract, which would pay him \$23.3 million, and has repeatedly said that was his plan. But Jackson said there are financial benefits to Anthony waiting, for both sides, and told him that during a dinner about a month ago.

"He opened the door and I stuck my foot in it and said this is what we can do," Jackson said to the team's beat writers.

Jackson also told Anthony that Steve Kerr would be coming in to coach, a plan that didn't work out.

Kerr was his first and only known candidate to replace Mike Woodson, and Jackson said Kerr had essentially committed to leave the TNT broadcast booth to take the job. But then the Golden State job opened up when the Warriors fired Mark Jackson, and Kerr preferred that one to remain close to his family in California.

"Unfortunately for him, he committed to me the day before the job opened with Golden State. So I had to kind of release him to actually go to this job and say you have to do what's right for yourself," Jackson said. "I understood entirely the process he was going through to have that job open up. That was something he kind of thought would be a good fit for him. So that's good, we're happy for him."

Heat headed back to Finals

Miami eliminates Indiana for 3rd straight season

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — By now, the Miami Heat know how the on-court celebration works. Someone distributes new hats, another hands out new T-shirts, someone hands them a gleaming trophy.

Amid it all, LeBron James simply beamed.

"We won't take this for granted," James said.

For the fourth straight time, the Heat are Eastern Conference champions — and for the third straight year, they had to eliminate the Indiana Pacers on the way to getting there. James and Chris Bosh each scored 25 points, and Miami rolled past the Pacers 117-92 on Friday night to win the East finals in six games.

"I'm blessed. Very blessed. Very humbled," James said. "And we won't take this opportunity for granted. It's an unbelievable franchise, it's an unbelievable group. And we know we still have work to do."

That work starts Thursday night in either San Antonio or Oklahoma City. The NBA Finals start in the city of the West champion.

Dwyane Wade and Rashard Lewis each scored 13 points for Miami, which trailed 9-2 before ripping off 54 of the next 75 points to erase any doubt by halftime. The Heat set a franchise record with their 11th straight home postseason win, going back to the final two games of last season's NBA Finals, leading by 37 at one point.

"The group loves to compete and loves to compete at the highest level, and be pushed to new levels," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Indiana led the East for much of the regular season, one where the Pacers were fueled by the memory of losing Game 7 of the East finals in Miami a year ago.



LYNNE SLADY/AP

Heat forward LeBron James drives to dunk the ball over Indiana Pacers forward Chris Copeland during the second half of Friday's Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami.

So they spent this season with a clear goal: Toppling Miami as kings of the East.

The Pacers were two games better in the regular season.

They were two games worse in the postseason. Game 7, this time, would have been in Indianapolis. The Pacers just had no shot of making it happen, not on this night.

"It's bitterly disappointing to fall short of our goals," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "It's bitterly disappointing to lose to this team three years in a row. But we're competing against the Michael Jordan of our era, the Chicago Bulls of our era, and you have to tip your hats to them for the way they played this whole series."

Paul George had 29 points for Indiana, David West scored 16 and Lance Stephenson — booed all night — finished with 11.

Scoreboard

Conference finals (Best-of-seven, not necessary) Eastern Conference

Indiana 4, Indiana 2
Indiana 107, Miami 96
Miami 87, Indiana 83
Miami 99, Indiana 87
Miami 102, Indiana 90
Indiana 93, Miami 90
Friday: Miami 117, Indiana 92
Western Conference
San Antonio 3, Oklahoma City 2
San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 105
San Antonio 112, Oklahoma City 77
San Antonio 106, San Antonio 97
Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio 92
San Antonio 117, Oklahoma City 89
Saturday: at Oklahoma City
Sunday: at San Antonio

NBA Finals

Thursday, June 5: Miami at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
Friday, June 6: Miami at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
Tuesday, June 10: Western champion at Miami
Thursday, June 12: Western champion at Miami
Sunday, June 15: Miami at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
Tuesday, June 17: Western champion at Miami
Friday, June 20: Miami at San Antonio or Oklahoma City

Friday

Heat 117, Pacers 92

INDIANA — George 8 18 8-10 25, West 8 11 0-0 16, Hibbert 1-3 6-6 8, G.Hill 4-11 1-3 9, Stephenson 4-9 0-11, Scoll 1-4 0-0 2, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Copeland 2-6 1-1 6, Sloan 1-3 2-4 5, Butler 1-1 0-0 2, Allen 1-1 0-0 2, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-69 18-24 92.

MIAMI — James 8 12 9-25 25, Lewis 5-11 0-13, Bosh 10-14 4-25, Chalmers 2-6 0-0 4, Wade 6-12 0-13, R.Allen 1-4 0-0 3, Andersen 4-4 1-2 9, Cole 0-2 2-2, Battier 2-3 2-2 8, Douglas 2-2 0-0 6, Haslem 3-3 0-6, Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Oden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-76 18-21 117.

Indiana 33 21 24 34 92
Miami 24 36 31 26 117

Three-point Goals—Indiana 10-25
Friday 5-10, Stephenson 3-6, Sloan 1-2, Copeland 1-3, West 0-1, G.Hill 0-3, Miami 11-26 (Lewis 3-7, Douglas 2-2, Battier 2-3, Bosh 1-2, Jones 1-3, R.Allen 1-3, Wade 1-3, Chalmers 0-1, Cole 0-2). Fouled out—West. Rebounds—Indiana 33 (George 8), Miami 45 (Andersen 10). Assists—Indiana 14 (G.Hill, Sloan, Hibbert 3), Miami 24 (Wade, James 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 17, Miami 22. Flagrant Fouls—Stephenson, A—20,021 (19,600).

Sterling set to fight league on Clippers sale

By TAMI ABDOLLAH
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Donald Sterling won't get to fight for his Los Angeles Clippers in front of NBA owners next week. His only chance now is in court.

He could just pocket about \$1 billion, his share of the proceeds from the record-breaking sale of a team that the league was prepared to take away from him. But don't count on it. His lawyers say he'll fight the league and his family to keep the team he bought for just \$12 million in 1981.

His estranged wife negotiated the deal to sell the Clippers for \$2 billion to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, saying she owns half the team and controls the family trust.



Sterling

A person close to the family told The Associated Press that Shelly Sterling took over the family's assets because Donald Sterling, 80, was stripped of his ability to act as a co-trustee after two neurologists determined he was suffering from dementia.

The individual, who is familiar with the trust and the medical evaluation,

wasn't authorized to speak publicly, said Sterling was deemed "mentally incapacitated" according to the trust's conditions because he showed "an inability to conduct

business affairs in a reasonable and normal manner."

"There is specific language and there are protocols about what to do, and steps in order to get a sole trustee position and that's what took place in the last couple of days," the individual said.

On Friday, the NBA canceled next week's hearing to oust Sterling, instead moving forward to vote on whether to approve that sale to Ballmer. Also Friday, Sterling's attorneys filed a federal lawsuit against the league and Commissioner Adam Silver, asking for damages in excess of \$1 billion.

The lawsuit said Donald Sterling is still a co-trustee and doesn't want to sell the team. "The assertion that Donald Sterling lacks mental capacity is absurd," attorney Bobby Samini said.

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for 4th straight year

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